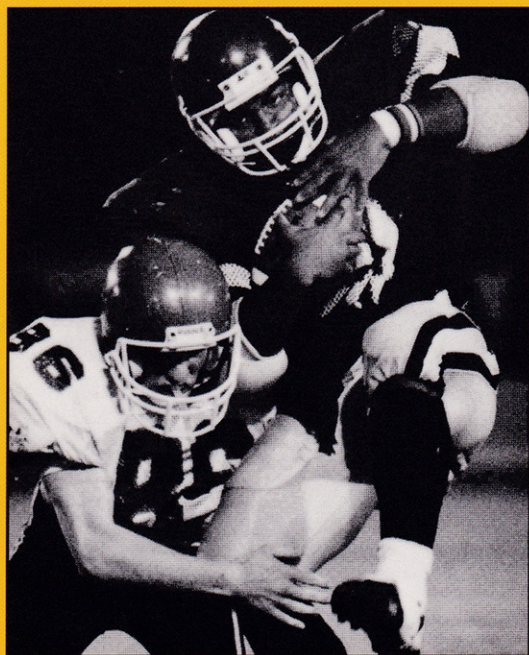
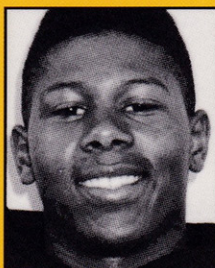


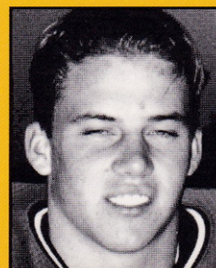
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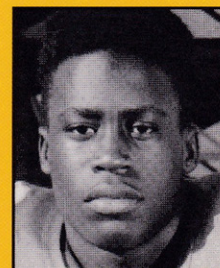
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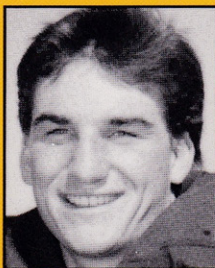
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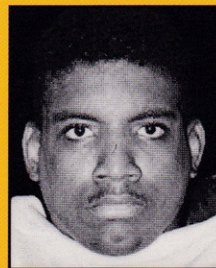
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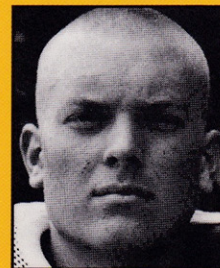
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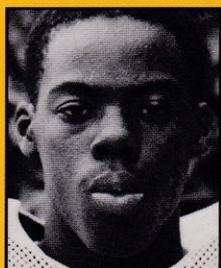
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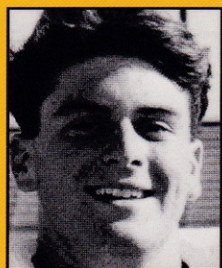
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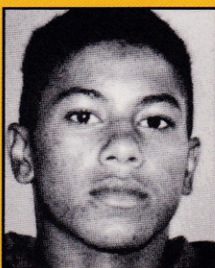
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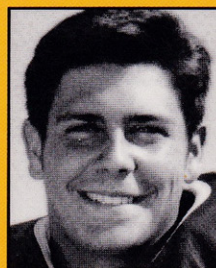
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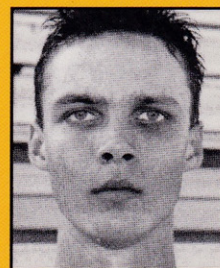
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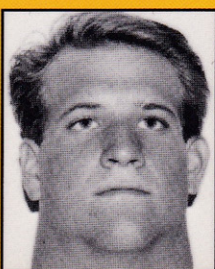
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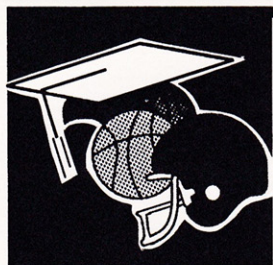
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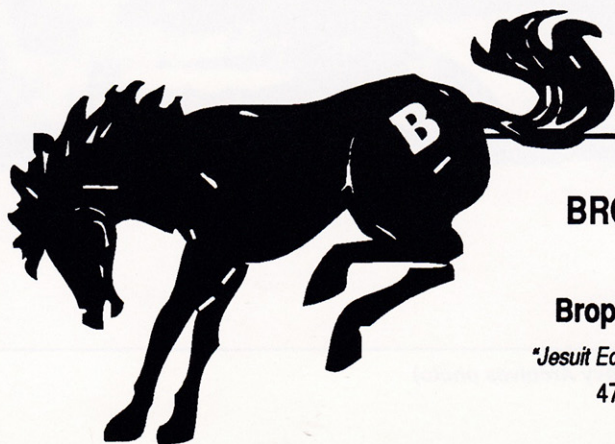
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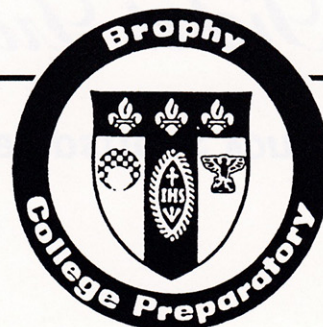


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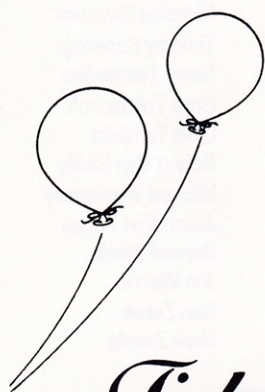
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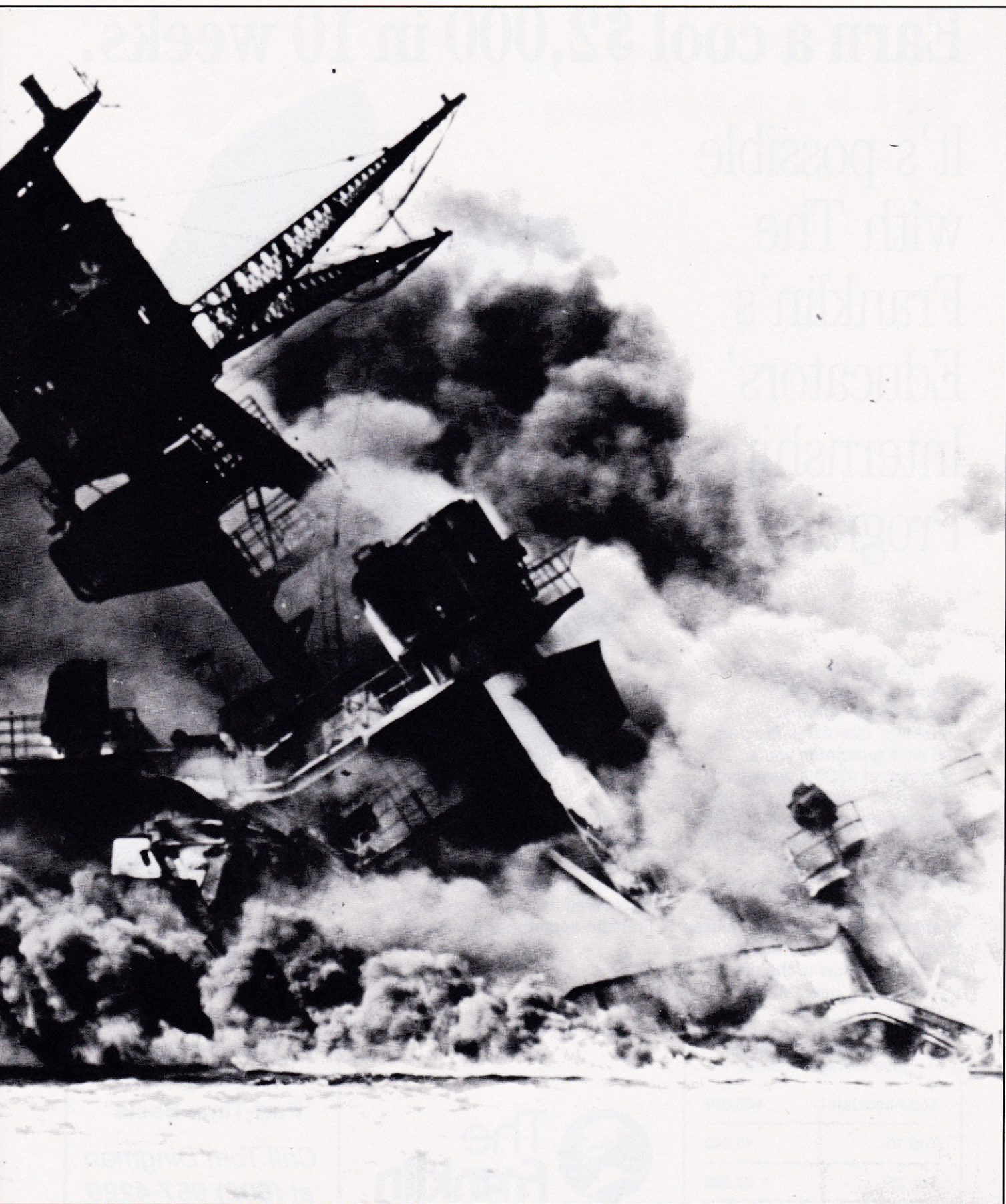
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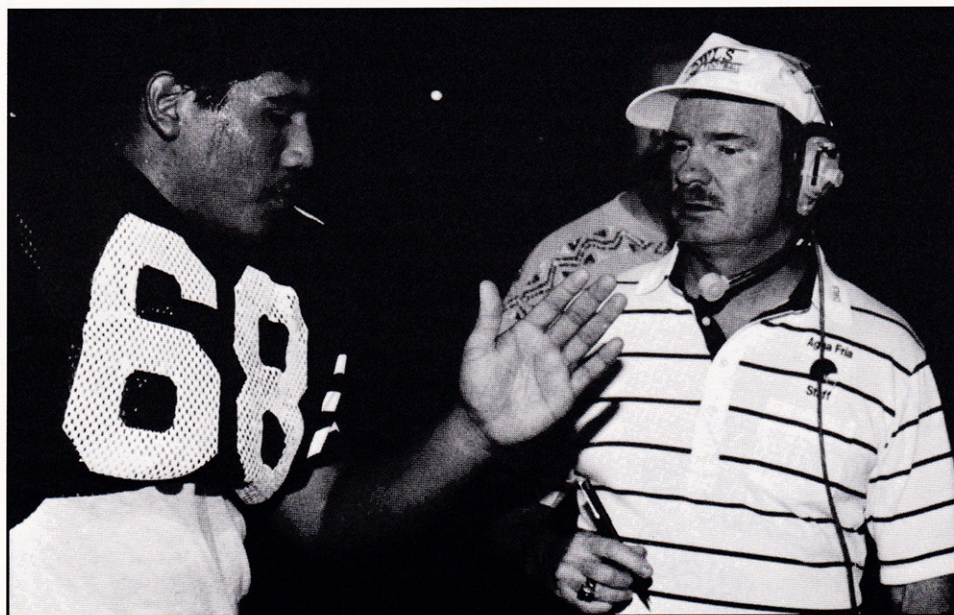


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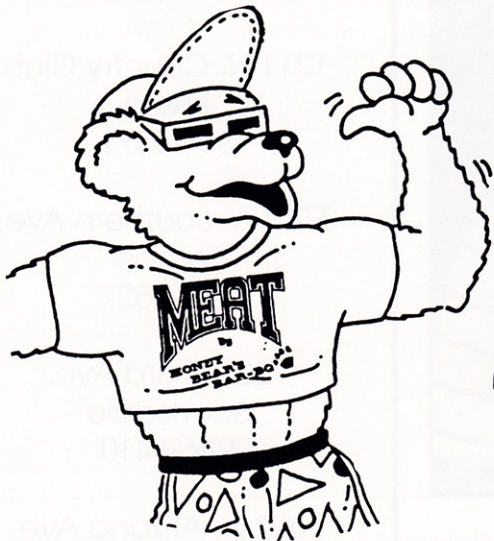
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1988 ... Andy Davis, Saguaro, RB
1987 ... Tony Werstler, Saguaro, QB
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1986 ... John Boyer, Coronado, FB/LB
1985 ... Charles Sanfilippo, Chaparral, RB
1984 ... Steve Rosholt, Arcadia, RB
1983 ... Dave Schilling, Coronado, RB
1982 ... Lee Bishop, Chaparral, RB
... Tim McInnis, Coronado, TE
1981 ... Frank Rudolph, Coronado, DE
1980 ... Randy Hayes, Scottsdale, WR
1979 ... Jeff Harper, Chaparral, RB
1978 ... Kevin Smith, Saguaro, QB (jr)
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1976 ... Greg Brady, Coronado, QB
1975 ... Bob Pitre, Arcadia, QB
1974 ... Rick McClelland, Saguaro, FB/LB
1973 ... Rob Wilson, Coronado, QB/DB
1972 ... Keith Sobraski, Coronado, DT
1971 ... Gil Gillenwater, Arcadia, RB
1970 ... Jim Cedarstrom, Saguaro, DE
1969 ... Wayne Mattingly, Saguaro, FB
1968 ... Marty Stajduhar, Coronado, WR
1967 ... Marty Shuford, Saguaro, RB/P
1966 ... Bill Diple, Arcadia, DB
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**Coronado halfback Paul Fichiera, 1990-91.
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1964 ... Don Burger, Scottsdale, HB
1963 ... Dana Woudenberg, Arcadia, LB
1962 ... Everett "Moose" Rollins, Arcadia, RB
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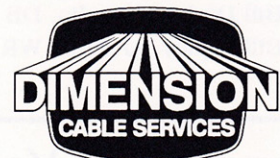
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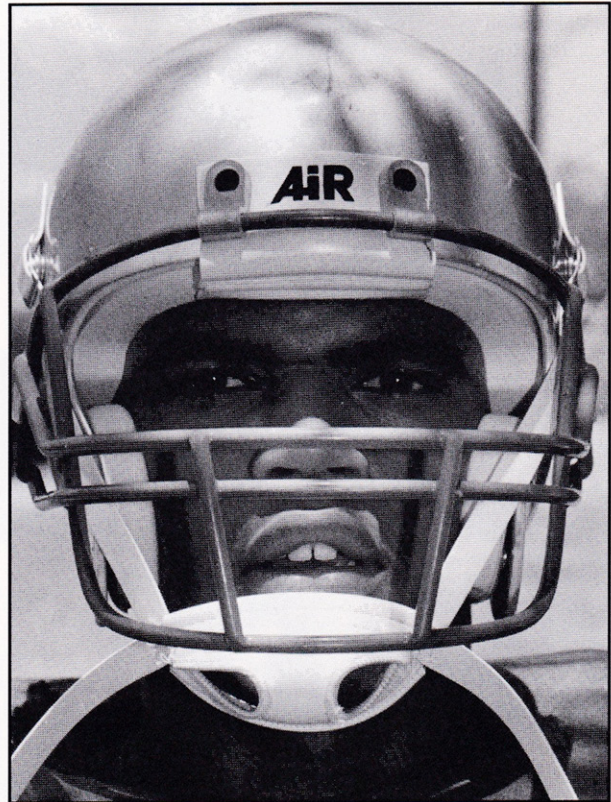
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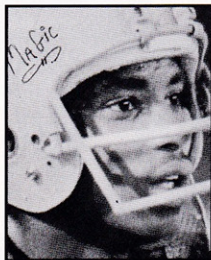
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1987Bart James, McClintock, DB/K
1986Willy Lira, Marcos de Niza, QB
1985Cleveland Colter, McClintock, WR/DB
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1975Ronnie Washington, McClintock, WR
1974Jimmy Moore, Marcos de Niza, TE
1973Preston Dennard, Marcos de Niza, WR
1972Herbie Ramirez, McClintock, WR
1971Fred Mortensen, Tempe, QB
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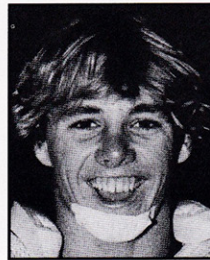
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**Preston Dennard
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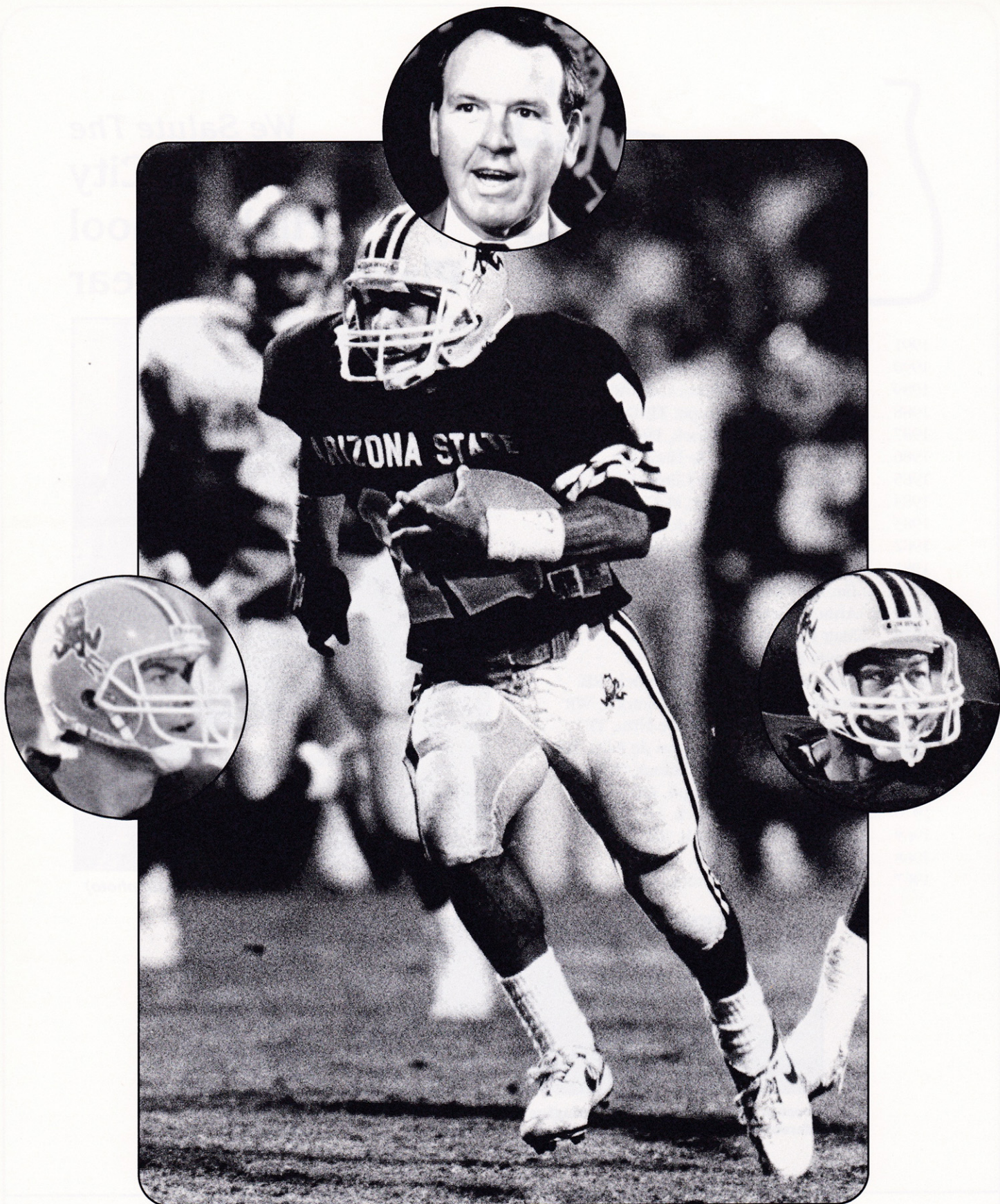
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Good luck Sun Devils, Cardinals, Rattlers and local Tempe high schools!



Clockwise, top, Coach Bruce Snyder has a good collection of local talent to build a season around, including cornerback Kevin Miniefield (Phoenix Camelback), quarterback Bret Powers (Glendale Cactus) and wide receiver-punt return artist Eric Guliford, shown here returning a kick against Washington State.

"One Step at a Time"

As Arizona State enters another coaching era - its 6th since 1979 - "One Step at a Time" is an appropriate motto, as new mentor Bruce Snyder tries to put the program back on track.

Welcome to Sun Devil Country, Mr. Snyder. You'll like your stay here. Especially, if you and your football team live through September.

Whoever told you the summer months are hot, hadn't seen your 1992 Arizona State football schedule, yet. That's when it really gets hot.

Wait 'til Sept. 5, when national champ Washington comes to town. Those scores haven't been too competitive lately, like 44-16 and 42-14, in favor of the Purple Gang.

"I think we have better athletes than my first year at Cal. It's not as strong as the talent I left at Cal."

On Sept. 26, the Sun Devils get to travel back to Lincoln and play Nebraska. Last trip back there was a 47-16 rout.

If tradition was on A-State's side - and once it was - the Devils' 1992 campaign would look promising. For more than three decades, the Maroon & Gold legions which marched through Sun Devil Stadium (The House That Kush Built) played top-notch football before sellout crowds.

But somebody let it slip away.

"I'm really intrigued with the potential of Arizona State in terms of success," Snyder said in January. "That's very intriguing to me as to how far this thing can possibly go.

"I've looked at Arizona State from a distance for a number of years. I've admired it from a distance. What I'm excited about is the opportunity and the challenge and the distance that I think we can run with this thing."

His trademark is tough, hard-nosed, disciplined football. He also likes to make the game fun.

"One of my major objectives as a coach is how hard the team plays," he added. "That's my signature on a team. Whether a play works or not is something else, but if

my team plays hard, I'll take credit for that."

Following Snyder's first press conference in January, Athletic Director Charles Harris added, "I've said all along that I want to be in the top three in the conference and along with that gain some national exposure, and that's what I believe Bruce Snyder can accomplish.

"When we put together the profile we talked about - a head coach in a major conference, a pro-style offense and aggressive defense, ties to the West Coast - there aren't many that fit. Bruce Snyder is the perfect answer."

Snyder, who guided California's Golden Bears to a 10-2 record and a No. 8 ranking last fall, beat ACC champ Clemson 37-13 in the Florida Citrus Bowl. His squad beat A-State 25-6 before 46,000 fans in Berkeley. In 1990, he was the Pac-10 Coach of the Year after the Bears finished 7-4-1 and beat Wyoming in the Copper Bowl in Tucson. That club beat the Devils 31-24 before 59,043 in Tempe, another key figure in Snyder's decision to move.

The crowds.

While 46,000 Cal fans watched his Bears beat ASU in November, 73,427 watched a 6-5 A-State club beat rival Arizona, 37-14, in late November.

Offensively, Snyder will have 14 of the 22 players listed on the 1991 depth chart back. Ten of those return at the "skill" positions, starting with quarterback Bret Powers, a 6-5, 220-pound junior from Glendale Cactus. Powers missed three games with a shoulder injury, but still completed 127 of 234 passes (54%) for 1,505 yards and eight touchdowns. He was intercepted 11 times.

Powers started strong, going 2-0 after wins at Oklahoma State and USC before suffering the injury against Nebraska, an 18-9 loss played before 72,812 in Tempe. He returned against UCLA, and almost saved the day, hitting 28 of 48 for 295 yards and a score in a 21-16 loss. Against rival Arizona, Powers was 13 of 19 for 145 yards and two touchdowns.

But he'll get plenty of competition from candidates like Kurt Lasher, Troy Rauer, Garrick McGee and Grady Benton (the

1990 Phoenix Metro Player of the Year from state champ Mesa High). Walk-on Dan Moore from Tempe's McClintock High will also compete. Moore guided the Chargers to the 1989 5A state crown.

The Devils are blessed with three top-notch backs: soph Mario Bates (6-2, 207), junior George Montgomery (6-2, 210) and senior Jerone Davison (6-1, 235). Bates, the 1990 state schoolboy player of the year, saw lots of playing time after Montgomery missed games due to injuries.

Birdsong caught a city record 148 passes at Cactus High and was a teammate of Bret Powers.

Montgomery led all rushers with 475 yards on 113 carries and scored three times. He gained a career high 136 yards on 22 carries during a 32-25 win over Southern Cal.

Bates, who rushed for 2,740 yards and scored 34 touchdowns in 1990 at Tucson Amphitheater, showed flashes of brilliance with 86 yards in only seven carries against USC, and 161 yards on 35 carries against Arizona. Another candidate is senior Kevin Galbreath, a senior from Phoenix Maryvale, who also returns kicks.

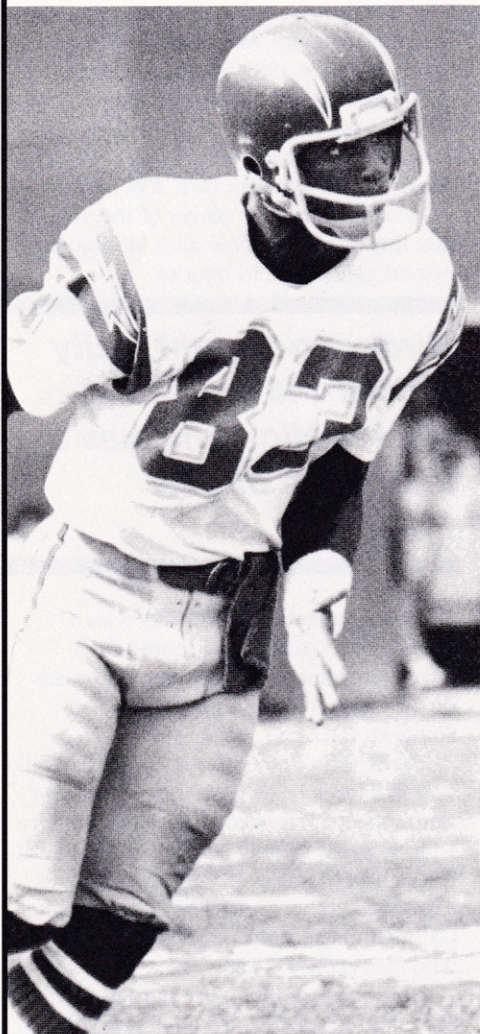
At fullback, sophomore Parnell Charles (6-1, 229) takes over for departed Kelvin Fisher. He's big and fast and catches the ball well. Seniors Gino Valpredo (6-0, 224) and Tommy Harkrader (6-0, 200) will compete for playing time.

But the strength of the offense will be the receiving corps, starting with split end Eric Guliford (5-8, 160), a preseason All-America candidate. The former Peoria High star led ASU in catches (55) and yards (801). As a freshman, he led the Pac-10 in punt returns, average 10.0 yards per run-back. As a junior he returned a punt 68 yards for a score against Arizona.

Senior Kevin Snyder (5-8, 162) is another in a long list of talented "mini receivers"

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who should add firepower to the Devils' offense. Sophomore Derrick Land (5-8, 164), a former state sprint champion, is the fastest player on the team. Both Land and Derrick Hart (6-3, 176) were members of the ASU track team.

Redshirt freshmen Jason Birdsong (6-0, 175) and Dedrick McCartney (5-9, 162) are two local products who should contribute. Birdsong, a possession-type receiver, caught a city record 148 passes at Cactus High, and was a former teammate of Bret Powers. McCartney, a Tempe High grad, also competed on the track team.

The Sun Devils return four quality tight ends, including three who saw action. Big Bob Brasher started 11 games and caught 22 passes. Strong competition comes from Brian Snyder and Marquis Tucker, a former football and basketball star at Phoenix Carl Hayden. The coaching staff is high on Tucker. Sophomore Nickie Moore (6-5, 225) could be a real sleeper.

But an offense is only as good as its line. This is a major concern. Only two players return, center Toby Mills and guard-tackle Craig Ritter. Both are big and game-tested. Every other position is up for grabs. It will be the offensive and defensive lines which could make or break Arizona State's season.

And defense was Arizona State's strength last season, ranking No. 2 in the conference behind Washington. Six starters

return. Two starters from 1990, who were hurt in '91, are also back.

At inside linebacker, Arizona State returns senior Brett Wallerstedt (6-1, 239) and soph Justin Dragoo (6-4, 229). Wallerstedt led ASU in tackles last year with 122. Outside backer Shante Carver (6-

His 22 assists in a single game, his 308 in a season, and his 924 during his career are all high school records.

5, 229) led the Pac-10 in QB sacks with 11. Linebacker is set.

But the defensive line is a major concern. Only one player, senior Bryan Hooks (6-3, 256) is really tested. The former Marcos de Niza High School star has played outside linebacker and every line position except nose guard. Seniors Ivory Irvin (6-4, 247) and Greg Kordas (6-3, 258) are the only other linemen with much playing experience.

The top prospect in the secondary is cornerback Kevin Miniefield (5-9, 177), the former basketball star from Phoenix Camelback. His 22 assists in a single game, his 308 in a season, and his 924 during his

career are all state high school records. As a Sun Devil football player, Miniefield has five career interceptions and 16 pass deflections. Last fall he picked off three and knocked down 10.

Another key player is free safety Adam Brass (5-10, 186), an outstanding student who managed five interceptions in his first year as a starter. One of the best athletes in the secondary is Kendall Rhynes (6-3, 206), maybe the team's best hitter. Junior Lenny McGill (6-3, 193) could start at left corner. Strong safety Jean Boyd (6-0, 188) had a 71 yard fumble return for a score against Oklahoma State. Another candidate for playing time is Mark Brown (5-11, 195), a former Moon Valley High star who sat out last year as a medical redshirt.

On paper, the kicking game looks solid, with place kicker Mike Richey back for his senior year. The former walk-on from Tempe Corona del Sol kicked 12 of 16 field goals and 18 of 19 extra points. Punter Steve Rausch, a senior from Mesa Dobson, averaged 36.8 yards a punt with a longest of 57 yards. He downed 14 punts inside the enemy 20-yard line, and also handled kickoffs for most of the season.

On paper, the Devils look improved. But for those diehard fans who want to make early room reservations in Pasadena, Snyder put things in proper perspective in a recent interview in the *Mesa Tribune*. "I think we have better talent than my first year at Cal. It's not as strong as the talent I left at Cal."

And Cal didn't play in the Rose Bowl.

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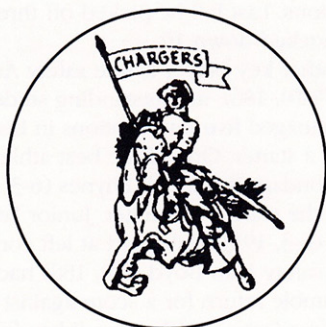
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OL.....Kirk Robertson, 6-4, 280	Simi Valley (Simi Valley), CA
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LB.....Glenn Steele, 6-2, 225	San Diego (Norse), CA
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DL.....Brent Burnstein, 6-8, 230	Glendale (Deer Valley), AZ
DL.....Juan Roque, 6-8, 255	Ontario (Ontario), CA
DL.....Shawn Swayda, 6-5, 235	Phoenix (Brophy Prep), AZ
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DB....Harlen Rashada, 6-2, 190	Oakland (Skyline), CA
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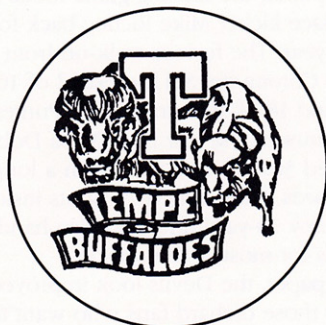
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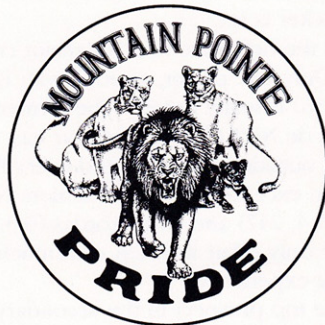
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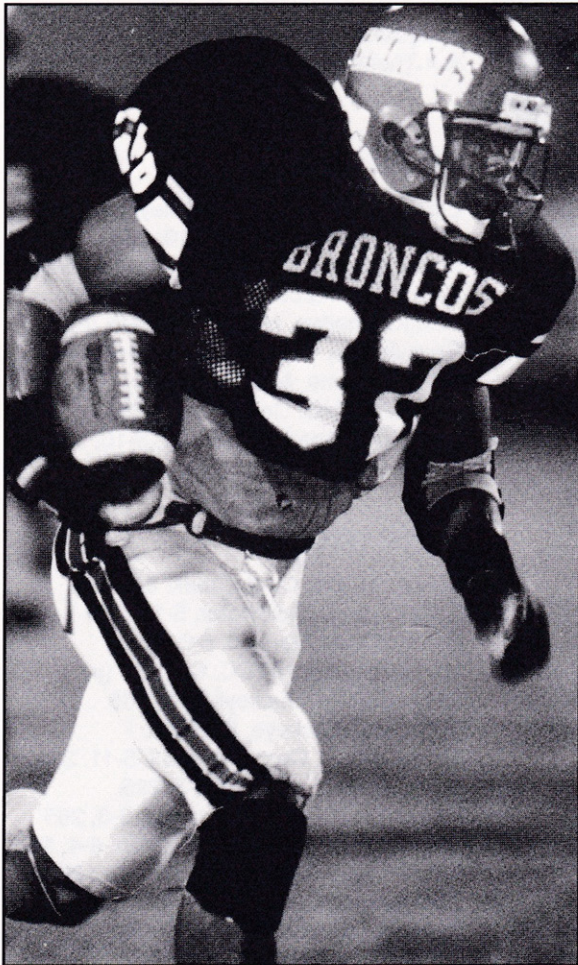
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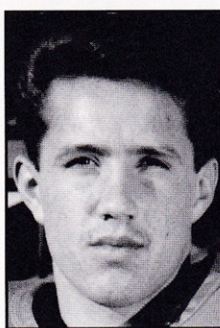
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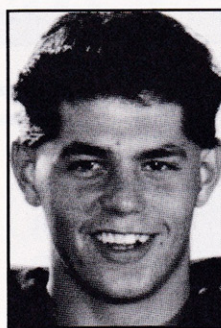
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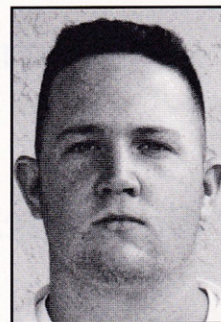
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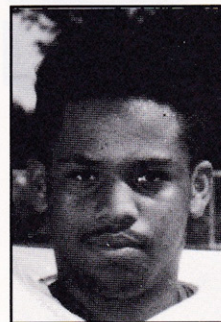
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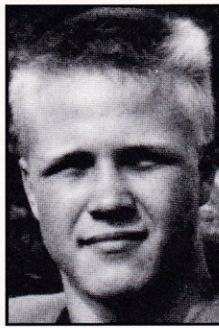


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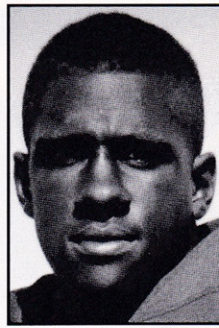
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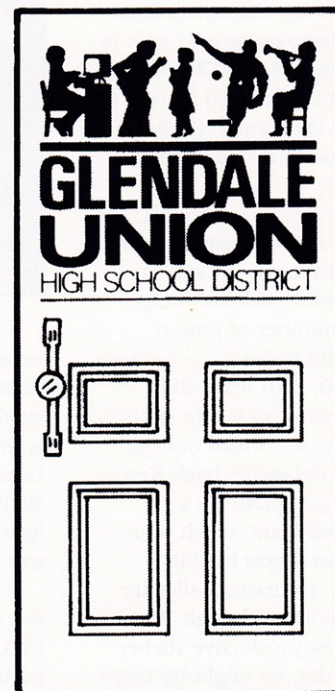
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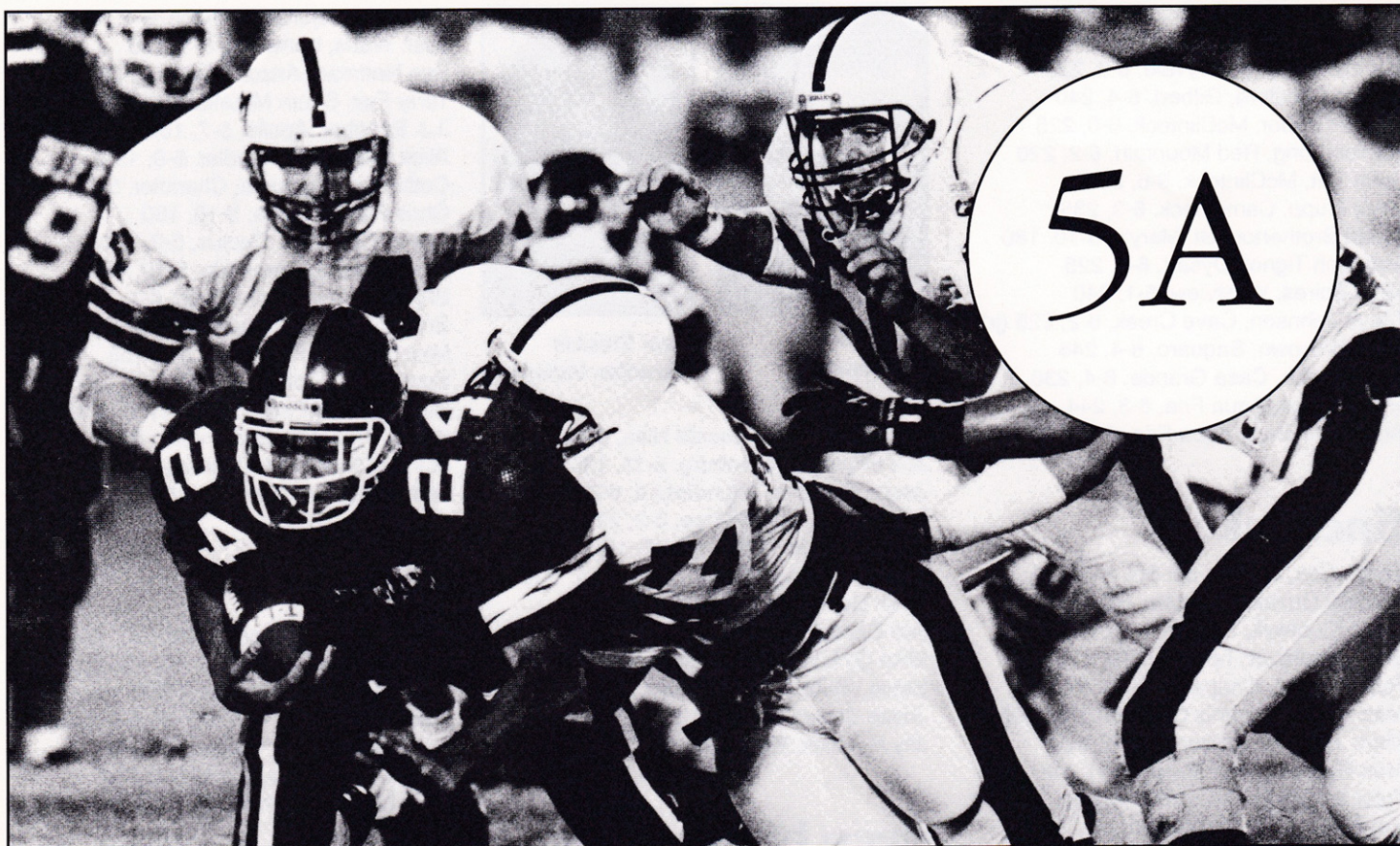
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Tempe halfback Darnell Autry (24) is brought down by McClintock's Travis Johnson (74) and a swarm of teammates during the Chargers' 28-7 win last fall. McClintock's defense might be the best in Class 5A (Tribune photo).

McClintock's Defense Iron Clad!

If defense really wins championships, then the Phoenix Metro preseason pick in 5A football is an easy one: **McClintock**. No less than five juniors earned all-region honors, selected by the local *Tribune*, in a football region considered one of the state's best.

"We'll have good size and strength, and better than average speed," insists second year coach Dennis Johnson. "A strong turnout from the senior class will help, along with a good number of junior prospects to fill in the holes."

Big John Tait (6-6, 260) leads the charge. The gifted two-way tackle is just one of four highly touted major college prospects. Talented defensive back Ken Wheaton (5-10, 175), a guard on a McClintock basketball team which won four games in the Las Vegas Holiday Classic, is also back. He earned all-state honors as a sophomore. Although Wheaton was the school's most productive rusher (100 carries/598 yards), he might be more dangerous as a defender and punt return man. Last fall he returned one 86 yards for a touchdown.

Linebacker Jeremy Faber (6-0, 225),

5A CENTRAL REGION

1. Tempe McClintock
2. Mesa Dobson
3. Mesa
4. Gilbert
5. Tempe Corona del Sol
6. Chandler

safety Mandell Brown (6-0, 180), and kicker Marcus Williams (6-0, 202) add more steel to an already iron clad defense. Faber is one of the strongest athletes in the 5A Central. Brown can also line up at fullback. Williams' strong leg makes him a threat four ways: kickoffs, field goals, punts and extra points.

Other Chargers who earned all-league recognition include tackle Travis Johnson (6-0, 298), center Matt Long (5-10, 200) and fullback Mekell Baldwin (5-9, 175), the team's second leading rusher (508 yds.) who also plays cornerback. He returned a pass interception 45 yards for the winning score against Scottsdale Horizon, one of six

playoff teams McClintock faced during a 5-5 campaign.

Senior leadership, lacking on last year's club, should improve with tackle Ken McClelland (6-3, 260), WR/DB Brian Walker (5-9, 170), OG/DE Matt Corson (5-11, 190), and tackle Brad Benson (6-1, 210), to name a few, one year older.

Since the school opened in 1966, the Chargers have won 74% of their football games. Under Johnson, that trend should continue. "We look for a real strong kicking game, and a strong veteran defense," he adds. "Our offense has nine starters back and they will be stronger with an additional year of experience."

Valley sports fans can get an early look at McClintock on television. The Chargers have a Sept. 11 date on ASPN's high school game of the week, at Mesa Mountain View.

For whatever reason, the injury bug has turned promising seasons into .500 ball at **Mesa Dobson**. The Mustangs, coached by Mike Clark, return 23 lettermen from a playoff team which lost six games.

"We were also a very young team playing against a very fine group of opponents," says Clark, just five wins shy of 100

1992 Phoenix Metro 5A Top 20

1. McClintock Chargers
2. Brophy Prep Broncos
3. Dobson Mustangs
4. Mesa Jackrabbits
5. Westwood Warriors
6. Horizon Huskies
7. Mountain View Toros
8. St. Mary's Knights
9. Paradise Valley Trojans
10. Camelback Spartans
11. Gilbert Tigers
12. Maryvale Panthers
13. Moon Valley Rockets
14. Trevor Browne Bruins
15. Marcos de Niza Padres
16. Corona del Sol Aztecs
17. Shadow Mtn. Matadors
18. Chandler Wolves
19. Chaparral Firebirds
20. Red Mountain Lions

at 95-63-3 in 15 seasons. "The boys matured into a playoff team that tied for the league championship. We were very proud of their comeback."

The Mustangs are very talented. According to opposing coaches, when they come out of the locker room to warm up, they often resemble a college team. Now, if they *play* as a team, look out!

According to Clark, Dobson has 11 different players with all-state potential, and four major college prospects. Those four include halfback LaVale Woods (5-9, 195), QB Graham Leigh (6-2, 195), tackle Jud Wood (6-5, 265), and promising junior halfback Akil Davis (6-0, 170), with 4.5 speed the fastest Mustang in camp. Last spring, Davis ran 100 meters in 10.79 seconds. He's also one of the strongest players in the program. The junior class will also feature place kicker Ryan Nickelson.

Ball carriers Ryon Brown (5-8, 175) and Jason Atwood (5-8, 170) also roam the secondary. Seniors Pat Farley (6-0, 190) and Mike Lanzieri (5-11, 180) give the 'Horses two solid linebackers. Andy McLaren (5-11, 215), Paul Bezon (6-1, 230) and Tony Miller (6-2, 250) are veteran tackles. Adam Swartz (5-11, 220) is the school's best guard.

Mesa, state champs in 1990, wins the rebound award for 1991. In their '91 opener, the defending champs were blitzed, 41-

0 by Mountain View. But 11 weeks later the Jackrabbits had a 9-3 record to show for it. State champ Phoenix St. Mary's ended their season, 7-0.

"We started with only three returning starters, and lost our tailback and two quarterbacks in the first two games," explains coach Jim Rattay. "But we rebounded to tie for the league championship and came within a yard of playing in the semifinals."

The coach forgot to mention one key win, a 30-8 triumph over Dobson in October, the school's 500th victory since 1920. Today, no Arizona high school has won more games than Mesa, with second place Tucson almost 50 games behind (see chart).

Unlike a year ago, the 'Rabbits return both running backs and the quarterback. But only five starters and 12 lettermen remain. Still, tradition and coaching is worth a win each. The top prospect, without a doubt, is center Steve McKane (6-2, 220), an excellent football player who also doubles at linebacker.

Although both returning halfbacks are small, Abraham Saiz (5-8, 150) and Chris Rattay (5-10, 160), the coach's son, are varsity tested. Saiz is just a junior. Speedy Mike Moreno (5-8, 170) is a slick quarterback. Junior Jim Boubilek (6-0, 205) and senior Kris Baker (6-3, 200) are tough linemen. The coaching staff also looks for a good season out of players like Chris Moody and Tyler Romero, naming two more 'Rabbits with potential.

With just over 3,000 students on campus, it's no surprise that **Gilbert** has at least two of the best players in the 5A Central: LB/RB Garrett Sirrine (5-11, 190) and DE/TE Malchi Crawford (6-4, 240).

Sirrine earned second team all-region honors on defense as a junior. Crawford, a member of the Tigers' basketball team, earned a first team all-state plaque from the *Arizona Informant*. Both started on the varsity as sophomores.

"We played a tough schedule, as always," says head coach Richard Gray, a former Arizona State lineman. "But we weren't a tough football team. We must improve in all areas."

One area of concern is quarterback, but senior Steve Mayer (6-0, 170) and sophomore Jason Check (6-0, 180) show promise. Little Dan Riley (5-7, 150) is a small target with big-play hands. Craig Hannaford (5-10, 170) joins Sirrine in the backfield, adding important senior leadership. Waiting in the wings are sophomore backs Seth Stoltz (5-11, 175) and Kyle Lincoln (5-11, 170).

But if Gilbert is to move the ball, the line must pave the way. Coach Gray and his staff have two promising linemen, John Madsen (6-0, 190) and Jamie Betchel (6-0, 210), with varsity experience. Defensively, juniors Tony Hernandez (5-10, 180) and Keith Russel (6-0, 175) join veteran Sirrine to give Gilbert one of the best linebacking corps in the 5A Central.

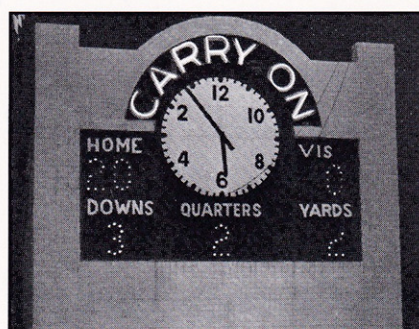
Next year, **Highland High**, the second high school in the Gilbert School District, will open, with freshmen, sophomores and juniors. The district's entire senior class will remain at Gilbert High. The following year, the new school will include all four classes. Estimated attendance figures for Highland's first year will be 1,600. Gilbert will drop to 2,000 students.

For the second year in a row, **Corona del Sol** advanced several games into the playoffs. Coach Gary Venturo, another former Arizona State lineman, watched his forces finish 12-2. "We had a great bunch of hard working seniors," says Venturo. "We hope they set the tone for this year's team to follow."

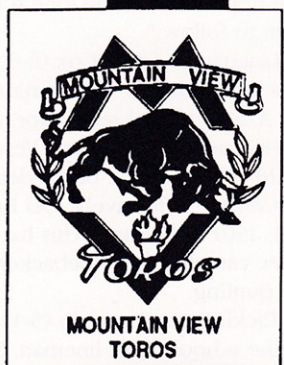
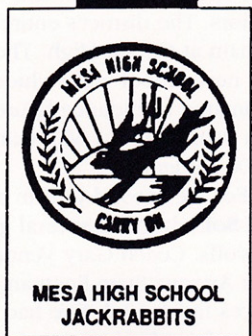
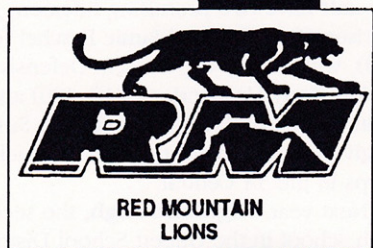
Linebacker Jason Cox (6-0, 185) earned post season honors as a junior. He broke the Aztecs' school record for defensive points: tackles, sacks, etc. Very active, he could be one of the better defenders in the 5A Central. Offensively, QB Brad Bashford (6-2, 190) is the man. This hard-nosed Aztec can also play linebacker and does the punting.

Tackle Jerry Alvarado (5-11, 210) might be the school's best lineman. Senior Andy Willers is definitely the biggest (6-3, 260). David McCook (6-0, 190) is the Aztecs' center. Talented Jarrod Conti (6-0, 170) is

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504	Mesa	1920-91
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419	Safford	1925-91
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385	Douglas	1906-91
381	Gilbert	1923-91
375	Round Valley	1921-91
353	Phoenix Union	1913-81
353	Flagstaff	1923-91
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an ace receiver, a good defensive back, and the team's place kicker. One youngster to keep an eye on is sophomore Shay Johnson (5-9, 170), a promising running back with 4.66 speed.

The Aztecs' home opener is August 28, against Tucson Amphitheater. They won't face Tempe's newest school, Mountain Pointe, until next year. The two school's, located on opposite sides of the I-10 Freeway, are a natural rival. Their first scheduled meeting is 1993, when The Pointe moves up to Class 5A.

Although **Chandler** doesn't have the depth, it does have talent, and this year the Wolves have one of the best athletes in the 5A Central, WR/DB Freddie Dodson, a multi-talented 6-foot, 5-inch, 205-pounder who also stars in basketball. Opposing coaches rate Dodson as the school's best player since Tyrone Byrd, currently a starting safety at Nebraska.

On the opposite end of the scale is little Ralph Aldecoa (5-8, 180), the Wolves' signal caller. He's small but dangerous. Lack of experience in the offensive line really hurt the Wolves, resulting in a 2-7-1 campaign. Still, players like Aldecoa and full-back Jason Watson (5-10, 180), who averaged 5.9 yards a tote, caused headaches for opposing teams. Watson is just a junior.

Other Wolves in Jim Wall's wishbone attack include HB Aliak Williams (5-9, 165), guard Pat Ashlin (5-11, 215), tackle Celso Zaragoza (6-1, 240), guard Brad Mason (5-9, 205), and HB Justin Chamberlin (5-11, 160). Halfback Cutberto Valenzuela (5-10, 185), the fastest player with 4.5 speed, earned all-region honorable mention honors at cornerback. Linebacker-tight end Ashley Burrows (6-4, 210), a transfer from Florida, helps add depth to a team which needs it.

5A EAST VALLEY REGION

1. Mesa Westwood
2. Mesa Mountain View
3. Tempe Marcos de Niza
4. Scottsdale Chaparral
5. Mesa Red Mountain
6. Scottsdale Saguaro

Not many wishbone teams throw the ball as well as **Westwood**. That balanced attack helped the Warriors win the league championship, beating top-rated Mountain View, 29-14 for the crown. Along the way, Jerry Loper's forces also beat eventual state champ St. Mary's, 14-3. A 28-24 loss to Brophy Prep in the playoffs first round ended the Warriors season at 8-3.

"We have some quality players return-

ing," warns Loper, who is six wins shy of 200 for his career. "We have good backs, a quarterback position which is sound, and one of the best receivers around."

That receiver is all-state flanker Brandon Thomas (5-9, 175). Graduated quarterback Cory Giles hooked up with Thomas 33 times for 680 yards and five touchdowns. This year signal caller Ted Gonzalez (5-9, 170) will do the pitching. Junior Dave Mendes (5-10, 165) will give Westwood depth at quarterback.

The Warriors will again have a flock of speedy backs and receivers, including Terry Brenner, James Henderson, Mike Herrera, and juniors Damon Sanchez and Jason Whiting, to name a few. Like most Warriors in past years, all are capable of playing both offense and defense.

On defense, Loper has a top-notch linebacker in senior Kevin Kolkman (6-2, 210), a potential all-star selection. Up front, Westwood's forward wall features likes of Jim Brown (6-4, 220), Devin Starks (5-10, 190), Dan Finn (6-4, 225), Toqua Enrique (6-1, 190), and Jeff Blanch (6-3, 210). Finn and Blanch are juniors, along with promising kicker Jeremy Whiting.

Loper enters the '92 campaign with 194 wins, 87 losses and nine ties, in a 29-year stint at three schools: Antelope, Amphi and Westwood. If his players can get him six wins, Loper will become the 8th coach in Arizona's history to win 200 games.

This could be a very interesting year at **Mountain View**, to say the least. Not that 1991 was boring, as the Toros were Arizona's top rated club for nine straight weeks, and nationally ranked for one month in two different prep polls.

But Jesse Parker's senior-dominated club dropped a 29-14 decision to rival Westwood, then fell to St. Mary's in the first round of the 5A playoffs to finish 9-2.

"We thought we had all the makings for a championship season," says Parker, 201-55-3 in the prep ranks. "It was disappointing. But we should have another good year. We have a blend of linemen from the senior class and skilled athletes from the junior class."

Also, their schedule is murder. The Toros season opener is in Hawaii, against national power Honolulu St. Louis, winner of six straight Hawaiian Prep Bowls. Last December, St. Louis beat Waianae 36-6, before 21,169 fans, finishing a near-perfect campaign at 12-1. In a September battle, the Crusaders' run-and-shoot offense sent Bakersfield back to California, 30-13.

In 1990, St. Louis blitzed Honolulu Farrington 38-3 in the Prep Bowl, before 29,362 at Hawaii's Aloha Stadium. "The only thing I know for sure," says Mountain View's Parker, "is they'll have more fans at the game than we will."

Parker will have his share of good players taking the historic trip, including running backs Steve Smith (5-10, 175) and Ryan Blakeman (5-9, 185), two-way performers who also excel on defense. Smith might be one of the better defensive backs in the East Valley Region. Joining him in the secondary is senior David Haynes (6-0, 180), one of the Toros' wide receivers.

Tackle Eric Tellef (6-2, 235) started on the offensive line as a junior. This fall he should see more two-way duty. Teammates Jeff Crandall (6-0, 210), Lane Adams (6-2, 210) and Jason Millar (5-10, 210) form a solid front.

The Toros junior varsity went unbeaten, and Parker and his staff expect these three juniors to contribute: TE/LB Seth Darst (5-11, 180), RB/DB Matt Rohmer (5-9, 160) and OT/DT Travis Schureman (6-1, 240).

On paper, this is one of Mountain View's most inexperienced teams. It might have been best for the '91 club to take a trip across the ocean. But Parker's strong program and sound defensive skills are always there. Surprisingly, this will be the first Mesa school to play a team from outside Arizona since 1961.

When the Toros return home, they face city rival Mesa and top-ranked Tempe McClintock back-to-back. "We'll be battle-tested, that's for sure," adds Parker, one of only seven Arizona coaches with 200-plus victories.

Marcos de Niza, coached by Mike Clupper, won three of their last four games to finish on a high note. It was the first half of the season that was murder.

"We will have a lot more depth," says Clupper, whose club finished 3-6-1. "We return eight offensive starters. That's the most since I've been here."

One of those starters is linebacker Mike Mazzie (5-10, 185), the Padres' most consistent player. He also doubles at running back. Center Seth Tyler (6-0, 195) and halfback Corey Taylor (5-11, 170) join Mazzie to give Clupper three of the better players in the East Valley. Taylor rushed for 206 yards on only 12 carries in the Padres' season-ending win over Red Mountain. A real burner, Taylor has run 40 yards in 4.55 seconds.

Quarterback Paul Wilson has good size (6-0, 180) and speed (4.8) and plays in the secondary. Big Marc Coltman (6-4, 205) is a tough two-way tackle. Matt Kohl (6-2, 215) and Jamal Brown (6-0, 195) join Mazzie to give Marcos the best trio of 'backers in the league. Brown bench presses 320 pounds.

Depth, usually a weakness at **Scottsdale Chaparral**, might be a strong point this fall. "We finally have some numbers for a change," says Jim Bevell, whose club finished 6-4. "We enjoyed a winning



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season, but let a couple games slip away. I hope to improve on that. We're excited about some of our athletes."

However, the status of one athlete is still uncertain, split end Aaron Gardin. The 6-3, 203-pound senior happens to be one of the top baseball prospects in the area. Will he play both sports again? The Firebirds' talented outfielder batted .452 with eight doubles, five triples and three home runs. He was hit by pitches 17 times and scored 40 runs. In football, opposing coaches all insisted Gardin, whose father Ron was a star player at Arizona, was the best athlete on the field. He caught 15 passes for 33 yards and four TDs.

But if Gardin opts for baseball, Chaparral's air game won't skip a beat. First-team all-city receiver Bryan Campos, a 5-10, 160-pounder, caught 30 passes for 311 yards and five touchdowns. Other Firebirds with impressive credentials include tackle Troy Roberts (6-5, 225), who also plays defensive end, and linebacker Ryan Larson (5-11, 185), who had 90 tackles and two interceptions. Tackle Court Wilson (6-0, 200) had 79 tackles and seven sacks.

Little running back Chris Heckel (5-5, 155) is back for his senior year, along with tackle Matt Green (5-11, 210) and TE/LB Brad Powell (5-11, 180). Running back Corbin Muschinski (6-1, 195) played last year as a sophomore. Fullback Jason Noble (5-11, 215) returns after an injury.

Back in Mesa, **Red Mountain** hopes to rebound from a 3-7 finish. Adolph Long, a 6-2, 220-pound defensive end, and linebacker Steve White (6-0, 210), a 55-foot shot putter in the spring, are the big guns. White also plays fullback. Wide receiver Dustin Madrigal (6-0, 160) is another Mountain Lion to watch.

In Scottsdale, **Saguaro** finished 1-8-1 under first year coach Jay Phillips. The Sabercats, plagued by poor underclassmen won-loss records, look to seniors like WR Arash Amini (5-8, 160), center Mike Corrigan (6-0, 175) and tackle Jim Watz (5-11, 215) for leadership. Tackle Jayson Brown (6-4, 245) is the biggest 'Cat in camp.

5A FIESTA REGION

1. Phoenix Brophy Prep
2. Phoenix St. Mary's
3. Phoenix Moon Valley
4. Glendale Apollo
5. Yuma Cibola
6. Phoenix Central

Brophy Prep started off with a 1-4-1 non-league record, and finished 7-6-1 after falling to Tucson Salpointe, 33-17 in the 5A semifinals. It was only the 12th meeting between the two catholic rivals. Ironically, the Broncos started the '91 campaign with a 20-20 tie with Salpointe.

"We returned only three starters last year," says Coach Tim Sanford, explaining the Broncos' slow start. "Also, all six of our non-league opponents made it to the playoffs."

This season could be better. Brophy returns five starters on offense alone. Running back Mike Mitchell (6-1, 205) is the school's chief weapon, and possibly the state's strongest destructive force on cleats. In two varsity seasons, the rugged Bronco has rushed for 3,468 yards and scored 48 touchdowns.

His kickoff return for a score helped

knock off Westwood in the playoff's first round, and his 223 yards and three touchdowns helped upset Paradise Valley in the quarterfinals.

But "Big Mike" can't do it alone. He'll need good blocking from teammates like OT Walt Ulrich (6-0, 205), OG Ned Gaines (6-0, 185), TE Duncan Hardy (6-4, 225), OG Zeke Thyben (5-9, 190), OT Brad Donovan (6-2, 210) and center Brad Kula (6-0, 220). Senior Koke Economopoulos (5-10, 170) should get the nod at quarterback, but by the time midseason rolls around, it might be hard to keep promising junior Steve O'Hare (6-2, 195) out of the lineup. Juniors Ryan Burke (5-9, 185) and Garrett Dilandri (6-1, 185) will join Mitchell in the backfield.

Defensively, the Broncos have a good deep defender in senior Brian Frakes (6-1, 170), with Gaines, Thyben, Burke and Dilandri forming a solid linebacking corps. Ulrich, Hardy and Donovan are down linemen, with center Kula lined up at nose guard when the Broncos are on defense.

The Broncos will be tested early, with an Aug. 28 date at Tucson Salpointe, and a Sept. 4 date at Paradise Valley, ASPN's high school TV game of the week.

With only four returning starters off last year's championship club, **St. Mary's** will have to grow up quickly. The Knights, 5A state champs for the 7th time, finished 13-1 after beating Tucson Salpointe, 28-13 for all the marbles. "If we can stay healthy, our non-league schedule will prepare us for league play," claims Pat Farrell, 132-37-2 at the Catholic school.

The Knights return both quarterbacks, and linemen Mike O'Halloran and David Brotherton from the starting lineup.

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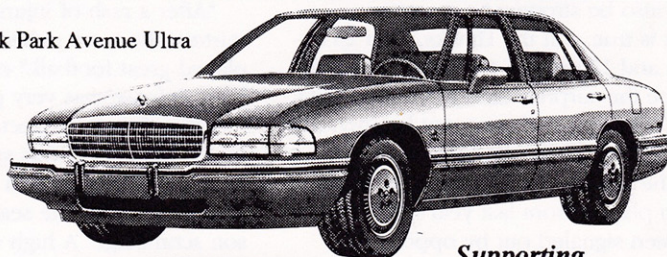
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and won the state championship doing it. Ike Gomez (5-10, 175) completed 76 of 112 passes for 1,084 yards and 11 scores. That's an impressive .679 completion rate with only three interceptions. Big Jim DeBoy (6-2, 195) hit on 31 of 65 for 473 yards and five touchdowns.

O'Halloran (6-0, 185) doubles at tight end and linebacker. Brotherton (5-10, 180) plays guard and defensive end. Watch for SE/DB Mike Brown (5-8, 145) and FB/DB Eric Erran (5-7, 165) to see lots of action, in spite of their size. "Brophy will be the team to beat this year," concludes Farrell. "After that, a toss-up between Moon Valley, Apollo and ourselves."

"We need a good effort from everyone," says Mel Harms at **Moon Valley**. "With more experience we should be improved." With a young team, the Rockets finished 5-5 in '91, so improvement is the name of the game.

One of the best linemen in the 5A Fiesta wears the Blue & White, two-way tackle Paul Politte (6-0, 240), an all-state candidate for sure. On the opposite end of the scales is halfback Mark Thompson (5-9, 166), with 4.55 speed the fastest Rocket in camp.

Moon Valley appears set at QB, with senior Pat Murray (6-2, 185) in charge of the offense. He has a capable receiver in senior David Campbell (5-8, 150), who also starts in the secondary, along with promising junior Rick Cordova (5-11, 170). Scott Stewart (5-11, 177) is a two-way starter at wingback and linebacker, while Hyuk Kwon (5-8, 180) is a short but reliable guard.

Veteran coach Rudy Pacheco at **Apollo** makes an interesting observation, as he awaits what promises to be a bountiful year for the Hawks: "We should be much improved, with a good nucleus returning. However, everyone else in the league should also be stronger."

This is true. But the Hawks, with 23 lettermen and 12 starting positions returning, might be the surprise club in the 5A Fiesta. In fact, if Pacheco's forces stay healthy, this might be his best Apollo team since 1985, when the Hawks reached the state finals.

Two players from last year's 3-7 club have been signaled out by opposing coaches: J.J. Escobar (5-7, 150), an all-region defensive back, and Roy Evans (6-0, 200), an all-region running back. As a receiver, Escobar managed six catches for 127 yards (21.1 aver.) and two TDs. Evans rushed for 758 yards on 163 carries (4.7) and seven scores as a sophomore.

Two other returning Hawks earned honorable mention all-region honors: Mike Mannelly, a 6-3, 230 pound tackle, and Eric Fousel, a 5-10, 210 pound fullback who doubles at linebacker. The other returning

starters include DB Ed Solares, DB Rick Cajthaml, LB Dan Perez, OG Tom Fooshee, OT Chris Blankenship, DE Brian Shroth, DE P.J. Grijalva, and giant (6-4, 270) center Scott Hall. All are seniors.

Phoenix Central will have a new coach facing an old problem: winning football games. Although the Bobcats won three games last fall - the most since 1984 - a major rebuilding job is in store, with a winless JV squad entering varsity competition.

But the cupboard isn't completely bare, as two good running backs return: Jim Candidate (5-8, 165) and Kambrel Coleman (5-9, 160). Both run 40 yards in 4.7 seconds. John Sandweg (6-0, 220) is the only returning lineman. Linebackers Jesse Salazar (5-10, 185) and junior Zabatka Colbert (6-2, 185) didn't play last year due to injuries. Salazar started five games as a sophomore. Brandon McNutt (5-10, 170) joins these two to give Central a trio of fast - if not big - linebackers. Juniors Chris Normandin and Phillip Mines will battle for quarterback.

5A DESERT VALLEY REGION

1. Scottsdale Horizon
2. Paradise Valley
3. Shadow Mountain
4. Deer Valley
5. Phoenix Goldwater
6. Yuma Kofa

Quarterback is a position that could make or break **Horizon**. Although the Huskies return a good nucleus of linemen, they have to replace a backfield which rushed for more than 2,000 yards during a 9-3 campaign.

"After a rash of injuries to six projected starters, the team pulled together and played great football," claims Doug Shaffer. "Our defense was very good."

One of those projected starters belted by the injury bug was split end Jonas Motiejunas (6-1, 175), a speedy receiver knocked out for the season after a preseason scrimmage. A high school All-American in track, Motiejunas ran 400 meters in 46.75 seconds as a junior, third fastest in state history. He also clocked 10.92 and 22.09 for the shorter sprints.

Last fall, the Huskies' leader in the secondary was Jonas' twin brother Tomas, a 6-1, 170-pounder who covered each opponent's top receiver. He had 27 tackles and eight assists. Horizon's top defensive lineman was Ryan Jeffries, a 6-0, 185-pound DE who had 53 tackles, 24 assists, two fumbles and four sacks. Tight end Byron

Bartlo (6-4, 225) caught 10 passes for 212 yards and two TDs. He also helped big John Thieken (6-3, 225) open holes for the Huskies' potent ground game.

The QB slot will be manned by seniors Brent Baker (6-0, 160) or Bryan Yochum (5-10, 180), or junior Rand Wagner (5-10, 160). Overall, the team's experience and senior leadership are strong points. Guard John McDonagh, RB Ryan Black, FB Jarret Edmonds, tackle Mark Laufer and center Shawn Wools are seniors who can play offense or defense.

Horizon's late-season game with rival **Paradise Valley** should be another barn burner. Last season the Trojans, playing in a new 8,000 seat stadium on a new campus, posted an near-perfect 11-1 record. "It was a gratifying year that ended too soon," said head coach Bob Lambie, after falling to Brophy Prep in the playoffs. Lambie's forces will get another shot at the Phoenix school on Sept. 4, when the Trojans host the Broncos in the ASPN high school TV game of the week.

This fall, defense will be the Trojans' strong point, led by LB/DE Lance Moore (6-1, 190), a potential all-league selection. Last year, Moore had 27 unassisted tackles, 55 assisted, recovered a fumble for a TD, caused a fumble, scored a safety, blocked a field goal and recorded seven sacks.

Talent-wise, the best defender might be junior Paul Shields (6-2, 180), one of the best athletes in the region. As a sophomore, Shields intercepted three passes, made 22 unassisted tackles and 44 assisted. On offense, he was the team's lading scorer with 108 points, including 12 rushing touchdowns and three punt returns for TDs. He caught 25 passes for 522 yards (20.8 aver.) and three more scores.

Center Brad Spurling (6-0, 225), brother of former ASU center Steve, also plays defensive tackle. Offensive tackle Joe Tasche (6-2, 200) lines up at nose guard. Quarterback Victor Toledo (5-10, 185) joins Shields in the secondary, and TE Sean Hegarty (6-0, 180) joins Brad Phillips (5-10, 190) at a LB slot, adding metal to the Trojans' tough defensive unit.

"Our biggest challenge will be replacing our graduated skill people, as well as our kicking game," concludes Lambie. "We had the first-team all-state punter and place kicker graduate, so that will be an area of concern."

Shadow Mountain expects to improve this season, with leading rusher Scott Klopfenstein (6-1, 195) back on offense, and leading tackler Chris Klootwyk (5-10, 190) back on defense. The line, with tackles like Mike Tice (6-2, 210) and junior Brandon Weins (6-2, 220), looks improved. Linebacker Mike Wendt (6-0, 180) and DB William McIntyre (5-11, 165) add quickness

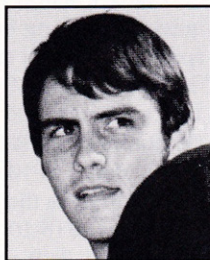


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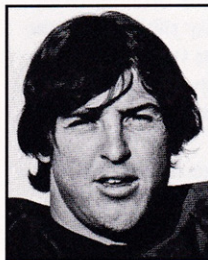
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1977.....Ron Sowers, Mountain View, T
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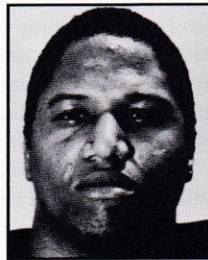
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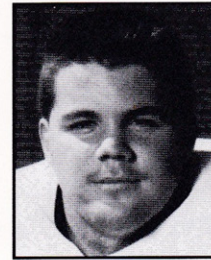
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to an improved defense. Better team speed should help the Matadors improve their 3-7 finish, as Mark Stanley enters his second year as head coach.

It was another improved year for **Deer Valley**, as the Skyhawks reached the playoffs for the first time since 1984. Coach Fred Haeger returns 15 players from that 5-6 unit. Senior Matt Hughes, a 5-11, 190-pound LB/RB with 4.6 speed, and junior WB/DB Jake Bell (5-9, 160) are high profile Skyhawks. Bell also runs a 4.6.

Kris Houser (6-2, 220) doubles at DE/TE; Rich Young (5-11, 190) plays LB/RB; Ryan Van Horn (5-10, 220) is an OG/DT; Wayne Hataway (6-2, 235) plays OC/DT; Brandon Willard (6-0, 180) doubles at WR/DB. All are seniors. From the junior class, keep an eye on QB/DB Brandon Seare (6-2, 185) and LB/RB Robert Hudson (5-11, 175). Both run 40 yards in 4.7 seconds.

It was a painful season at **Goldwater**, according to Coach Jim Hepting, as the Bulldogs lost four games by a total of 15 points, finishing 3-7. "We lost those four games at the end, so that really hurt," says Hepting.

Goldwater's underclassmen must help rebuild the varsity, so youth is the name of the game. But the coaching staff is expecting senior leadership from RB/DB Jason Bandy (5-9, 171), a 4.6 runner with an explosive start and pure running back skills ("With hard work he could be a good one," says his head coach.); OG/LB Casey Jowdy (5-10, 205), a solid, coachable lineman; TE/DE/LB Jeff Thompson (6-3, 220), a big target with good hand, and QB/DB Andrew Fernandez (6-0, 160), an intelligent, tough player. The 'Dogs' youth movement is headed by two-way tackle Ken Westerhaus (6-4, 200), a sophomore with size, strength and excellent work habits.

5A METRO REGION

1. Phoenix Camelback
2. Phoenix Maryvale
3. Phoenix Trevor Browne
4. South Mountain
5. Phoenix Carl Hayden
6. Phoenix North

The Spartans at **Camelback** will have a good collection of linemen and athletes at the skill positions to make a run at the Metro title. With big Andy Cupp (6-3, 235) in the lineup, head coach Pete Kellen has one of the best two-way tackles in Phoenix. Quarterback Tino Eppinger (5-10, 167) is a fine passer and WR Greg Smith (6-0, 175) is a good catcher.

With Brady Landers (5-11, 194), Roosevelt Malone (5-9, 165) and John Martin (6-0, 190) healthy and in the lineup, Camelback has a trio of outstanding, quick high school linebackers. Malone doubles at running back. Martin, only a junior, is a good receiver. The Spartans went 9-3 in 1990, then dipped to 4-7. With 23 letter-men returning, that could swing back.

Speed City, that's what coaches have tabbed **Maryvale** down through the years. Last spring, the Panthers ran off with the 5A track & field championship, and many of the school's top track athletes play football. Coach Buck Hall's football Panthers went 9-2, another good season for the veteran coach. "We had a good year, but we should have performed better in the playoffs," says Hall, 88-45-1 at the Phoenix school.

The Panthers have a good group returning, with three offensive linemen, one halfback, two defensive linemen, three linebackers and one defensive back with playoff experience. Mitchell Freedman (6-0, 185) and Marcus Jones (5-10, 155) are two of the fastest, and best backs in the league. Both can play in the secondary. Manny Monroy (6-2, 235) is a solid tackle. Xavier Garcia (5-10, 195) is smaller but quicker. Garon McCuin (6-3, 185) and Rodney Johnson (5-11, 210) are good-sized tight ends with good hands.

Maryvale, always a talented club, had two former grads, ASU standouts Phillippi Sparks and Darren Woodson, go high in the pro football draft last spring. Could one or more of the above Panthers - all seniors - be next?

The Panthers' biggest rival is **Trevor Browne**, a team with as much size and speed as anybody. When it comes to speed, the Bruins take a back seat to no one. Coach Bill Mitton's Wing-T attack starts at QB, and big Gary Nolte (6-4, 205) is the man. An outstanding athlete, Nolte has been a starting varsity pitcher in baseball since his sophomore year, and when he's not calling signals for the offense, plays a mean game at safety. He runs 40 yards in 4.6 seconds.

But the Bruin with the fastest wheels is tailback Tyrone Harrington (5-11, 170), a senior with 4.4 speed. In track last spring, Harrington ran 100 meters in 10.81 seconds, 200 meters in 22.40, and the 400 in 49.15. "That school has some really good backs," says one East Valley coach who has played the Bruins. Fullback Bobby Brown (5-10, 170) runs a 4.5 and has long jumped 22 feet.

Up front, Coach TBHS has good size in Reuben Orabuena (6-3, 265), a two-way tackle with good strength, OG Robert Wallace (6-2, 220), DT Matt Padgett (6-0, 200), and OT Bert Mullins (6-4, 285), the

biggest Bruin in camp, and one of the biggest in the region. And Trevor Browne has a pair of tough linebackers when Richard Day (6-0, 205) and Jeremy Pottle (5-9, 175) are on the field. "We'll be better than the average bear," warns Mitton with a smile.

South Mountain had a young squad - five sophomores on offense and three on defense - and it showed in the won-loss column (3-7). "But we should be a competitive team now," says Cleveland Dansby, the Jaguars' mentor.

Speedy (4.6) Terry Fair (5-9, 165), a guard on the state championship basketball team, rushed for 657 yards as a soph. Quarterback Jackie Muhammad (5-7, 150) managed to throw for 597 yards and eight scores as a soph. Senior Marc Willis (6-2, 200) is big and fast (4.5), and doubles at RB/LB. Defensive end Warren Walters (6-4, 190) joins Willis to give South another talented defender.

The season looks bleak at **Carl Hayden**, where only eight letter winners return from a 1-9 unit. The junior varsity finished 2-6. "The Falcons were competitive early in the season," insists first year coach Gary Somo. "Ineligibilities caused constant lineup changes and the team was subsequently not competitive."

However, wide receiver-free safety Reggie Hill (6-3, 177), a senior with 4.6 speed, and little halfback Roy Moody (5-8, 168), a junior with 4.7 speed, could play for any school in the city.

North is another school which returns eight lettermen from a 1-9 team. But the Mustangs might have more help coming, since the JV squad finished 5-3. "We will be young, but we'll have real good speed at the skill positions," says Lloyd Willis. "If some of our tougher kids from that JV team mature quickly, we could surprise some people."

Tailback Aaron Frazier (5-9, 170) is the quickest Mustang in the corral. With 4.4 speed, he's tough to catch in the open field. Sophomore Byron Wilkerson (5-11, 165) runs a 4.5 and started as a freshman. He doubles at WR/DB and gives junior QB Derek Martin (5-10, 175) a gifted, speedy target. Up from the JV squad comes FB Micah Moore (5-10, 190), OT/DT Tom Fierros (6-0, 240) and DE George Campbell (6-0, 185). Senior transfers Quentin Daily and Thomas Griffin - running backs and deep backs - showed promise in spring drills.

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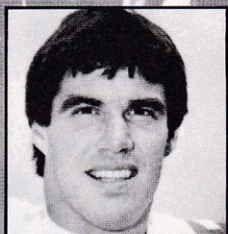
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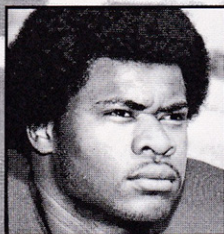
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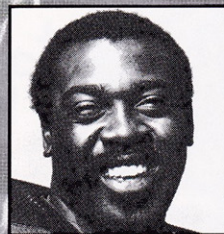
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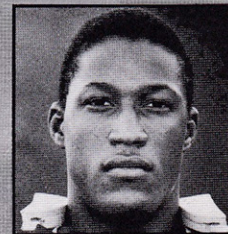
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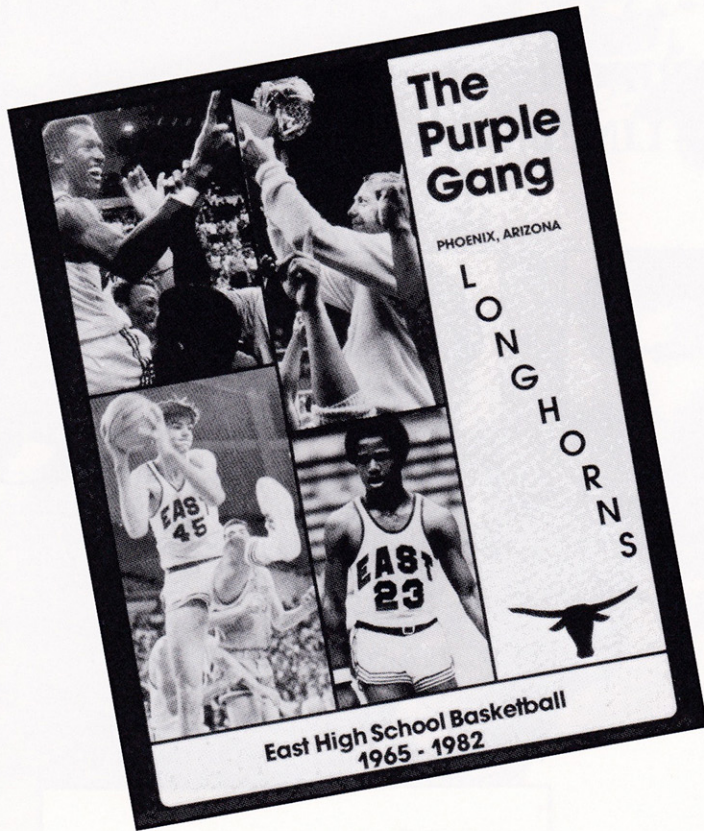
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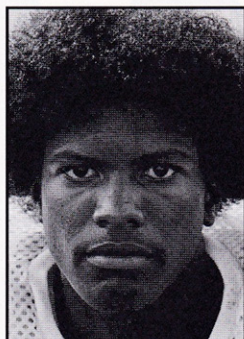
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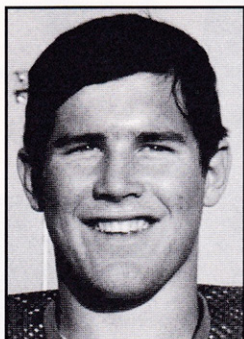
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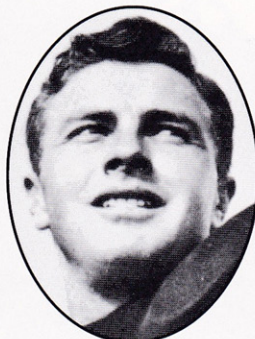
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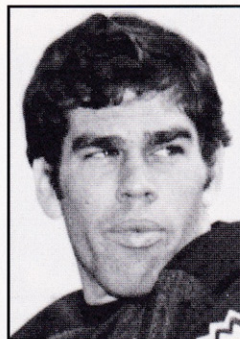
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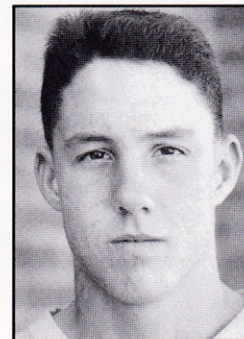
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 1982 Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuaro (jr)
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The Class 4A ranks will again have most of the state's best backs, and here's one of them: Tolleson's LaDon White dodges Agua Fria's Adrian Celestino for a big gain against the Owls. (Phoenix Gazette photo)

No Surprise! Owls Top Rated.

Agua Fria rode another storybook finish, landing the 4A state championship trophy and adding more hardware to an already crowded trophy case. Coach Tom Wheatley's young squad dropped two early season games, then really came on strong, crushing Tucson Sahuaro 28-0 in the 4A finals to finish 12-2. "We had great senior leadership down the stretch," says the state's coach of the year. "We have a good group coming back."

Like all great Agua Fria clubs, the Owls are set at tailback, where all-stater Robby Glanton (5-10, 185) returns for his senior campaign. If it mirrors his junior year - 1,585 yards and 21 touchdowns - opponents are in trouble. And to help keep enemy coaches awake at night, starting QB Tommy Zuleger (6-2, 190) is also back. Last year he completed 29 of 68 passes for 510 yards and eight TDs in the Owls' run-oriented offense. Both Zuleger and Glanton run 40 yards in 4.6 seconds. And place

4A WEST VALLEY REGION

1. Agua Fria
2. Tolleson Westview
3. Glendale Ironwood
4. Peoria
5. Glendale Cactus
6. Tolleson
7. Bullhead City Mohave
8. Peoria Centennial

kicker Randy Visser (6-1, 168) is also back. He booted 32 extra points and three field goals. So the kicking game is set.

And the line looks solid, with starters like guard Adam Sanchez (6-1, 240) and tackle Ryan Green (6-3, 244) still on campus. Both play a mean defense as well. Junior tackle Bret McLeod (5-11, 254) was a two-way performer as a 10th grader. Junior Adrian Celestino (6-4, 200) is a big

target at TE, runs 40 yards in 4.8 seconds, and doubles at LB. Little Dave Walker (5-8, 180), a WB on offense, can line up next to Celestino at LB. So can Tad Woottan (5-10, 188), a senior who also plays OT. Robert Monreal (6-0, 218) is an OG/DE, and speedy Terence Hill (5-8, 163) can catch the ball on offense and pick it off on defense - at the corner.

Down the playoff stretch, the Owls looked like the best team in Arizona - all classes combined. They beat Tucson Sunnyside 35-21, Peoria 47-0, Scottsdale Coronado 23-14, then skunked Sahuaro in the finals. At one time or another, all four of those schools competed in the larger 5A class. It's hard to believe, but Tom Wheatley's club returns 29 players from that championship season.

But one team returns more - **Tolleson Westview** returns 35 - just about the whole team. Last fall, the Knights, the newest school in the Tolleson School District,

**1992
PHOENIX METRO
4A TOP 20**

1. Agua Fria Owls
2. Westview Knights
3. Tempe Buffaloes
4. Washington Rams
5. Mountain Pointe Pride
6. Ironwood Eagles
7. Alhambra Lions
8. Peoria Panthers
9. Greenway Demons
10. Cactus Cobras
11. Thunderbird Chiefs
12. Coronado Dons
13. Prescott Badgers
14. Arcadia Titans
15. Independence Patriots
16. Cortez Colts
17. Tolleson Wolverines
18. Centennial Coyotes
19. Sunnyslope Vikings
20. Casa Grande Cougars

played a varsity schedule with no seniors on campus. Now the halls are crawling with them and some play good football.

"We were glad to get the first year out of the way," says Goodwin, whose young Knights started strong, but finished 3-6-1. "Our players got plenty of good experience from a tough, competitive league. We have almost everyone returning, and are very excited about the upcoming season."

Westview's run-and-shoot offense is in the hands of a junior, QB Marty Rincon (5-8, 135), a small, but gifted little signal caller with a real good arm. To take pressure off the passing game, the Knights have one of the better backs in the West Valley in Marcus Burgess (5-11, 180), a hard-running senior with good pass catching skills. Burgess could be one of the better backs in a league loaded each year with backs. Real good ones. Big Mike Spires (6-1, 240) is the club's best offensive lineman, and senior Gabe Samaniego (5-8, 150) its best receiver.

But in the state's toughest 4A region, defense is the name of the game. If so, the Knights might be set, starting with linebacker Jay R. Hiller, a promising 5-11, 190-pound junior with great range. In fact, linebacker is the Knights' strong suit, as seniors Greg Hairston (6-0, 175) and Mat

York (5-10, 175) join Hiller to form a solid unit. Senior Jake Fleming (5-10, 155) is the team's best defensive back.

With 35 players returning, experience is the Knights' strength, and could make up for a lack of size and overall team speed. Still, Westview has enough good athletes to make a run for the West Valley crown in the school's second year of varsity play.

After a sluggish start, **Ironwood** posted a great second half of the season with wins over ranked teams Peoria, Mingus Union, Tolleson, and a last second loss to eventual state champ Agua Fria, 7-6. Mark Matheson's club finished 5-5-1 after falling to Marana Mt. View in the school's first-ever playoff game.

The Eagles must replace 10 starters, but they return several quality players, including speedy TB Carlos Cochrane (5-9, 165). Last fall, his biggest game was against Mingus: 44 carries, 260 yards. Last spring, he ran 100 meters in 10.94 seconds, 200 meters in 22.44. Teammate Tom Walkenbach (6-0, 165) is the club's signal caller. He also doubles at safety.

Fullback Josh Watts (6-1, 195) runs a 4.7 forty and also plays safety, while senior Marc Johnson (5-9, 220) shares the FB job, and might be one of the best linebackers in the league. Junior Jason Daigle (6-1, 215) is also a tough LB. Other top-notch two-way players - all seniors - include Bob Hawkins (6-2, 195), Andy Newton (6-0, 210), Greg Williams (5-10, 165), Garrett Bannon (6-0, 215) and Brian Gibbons (6-0, 190), all linemen except Williams.

With back-to-back West Valley championships, **Peoria** finished 10-2 after falling to Agua Fria in the playoffs, and as a result watched many fine athletes pick up their diplomas. In past years, Peoria just reloaded. This time around the Panthers might have to rebuild.

However, one position is set: linebacker. Coach Doug Clapp has two of the best at that position in seniors Ryan Battin (6-2, 205) and Joe Dietrich (6-1, 195), a talented athlete who high jumped 6-feet, 4-inches last spring. What Peoria looks to do is knock out the opponent on defense while the offense matures. To do so, down linemen like Nathan Tokarz (6-4, 195), Larry Swisher (6-5, 220), and Shay Moran (6-2, 240), to name a few, must form a solid wall. The secondary looks to Chris Coleman, Jim Wotjkowski and Shane Morgan, for starters.

Offensively, junior Nathan Sanders (6-2, 185) calls the shots. Junior FB Dennis Wolfley (5-11, 190), also a linebacker,

could start. Juniors Greg and Leo Oliver are good runners and pass catchers, while players like Joe Marvin, Jamison Hubbuch, Kevin Gerster, David Tellez, Shon Taylor, William Cattell and Joe Krol man the trenches. They all have good size and strength, and that's bad news for the opposition.

As always, a key West Valley matchup comes Sept. 25, when Peoria meets **Cactus** at Glendale Community College. This classic struggle draws 10,000 fans every year. Like Peoria, Cactus might be rebuilding. The Cobras lost to Tucson Sahuaro to finish 10-3, another great season. Along the playoff trail, they beat Yuma 31-20, and Marana Mt. View, 42-15. Earlier, they beat Agua Fria, 21-20.

Halfback Marwin Lee (6-0, 190) scored 11 touchdowns, but this year switches over the QB, always a strong position for the Cobras. A good athlete with speed, Lee runs 40 yards in 4.5 seconds. Split end Mykol Franklin (6-0, 170) will be the main target. He caught 11 passes for 115 yards and a TD in a backup role. Kevin Perez (6-3, 201) and Jeremy Hetchler (5-8, 180) are running backs. Perez will handle the place kicking. Big Justin Moss (6-3, 247) is the team's center. Bob McLeroy (6-3, 258) is a starting tackle.

But the key to the Cobras' success rides with the defense. Linebacker Josh Hart (5-10, 173), DB Lamar Chatman (6-2, 170), and down linemen Matt Schmidlen (6-2, 223), Sean Gipson (5-10, 195) and Matt Hann (6-0, 223) form the nucleus.

Although **Tolleson** won just five games, the Wolves reached the playoffs for the first time since 1987. First year coach Roy Moreno has four strong candidates for post-season honors: HB LaDon White (5-9, 190), back for his senior year after 958 yards and 11 TDs; DB/P Scott Slade (5-11, 160), a top baseball prospect who intercepted 10 passes in eight games ("He has a real nose for the ball," says former head coach John Carroll.); RB/DB/PK Oshuha Davis (5-10, 165), hurt on a kickoff return in the third game vs Agua Fria; and RB/DB Gary Chavez (5-10, 170), a junior with good speed who was brought up at midseason.

This will be the first year of varsity play for **Centennial**, coached by former Peoria assistant Richard Taylor. "Everything will be new and challenging," says Taylor, whose Coyotes will play an independent schedule before entering West Valley warfare in 1993. "We look forward to the competition." Last fall, Taylor's Wing-T offense

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marched through an 8-0-1 JV campaign, so everybody is back. The schedule includes games with Coronado, Flagstaff and Tempe Mountain Pointe, to list a few.

At this early stage, DE Brian Rademacher (6-1, 210) appears to be the Coyotes' top dog. He recorded 27 QB sacks. If that continues over to the varsity, Centennial will have a young all-state candidate on campus. Fullback Derek Thulstrup (6-0, 193) runs a 4.7 and rushed for 600 yards. Safety Casey Paholski (6-3, 180) intercepted seven passes. Quarterback Michael Grunwald (6-0, 170) threw 10 TD passes. Jason Bryan (6-3, 212) and Mike Selby (6-0, 205) are promising linemen. Receiver Ron Kelley, a junior like all the young Coyotes, caught 16 passes.

4A EAST SKY REGION

1. Tempe
2. Tempe Mountain Pointe
3. Phoenix Alhambra
4. Scottsdale Coronado
5. Scottsdale Arcadia
6. Casa Grande
7. Yuma Union

On paper, **Tempe** looks like the team to beat. The Buffaloes, coached by Tim McBurney, are loaded at the skill positions, but must restore the defense and patch up the line. And with punter Roger Forgatsch (6-0, 200) in the lineup, the Buffs' kicking game is set. His 41 yard average and defensive skills at linebacker is a bonus. Then there's his place kicking skills: 7 field goals, with the longest a 48-yarder!

Offensively, the big gun is running back Tumani Greathouse (6-0, 190), a 1,000-yard man with 4.6 speed. He ran sprint times of 11.06 and 22.44 during the track season. But the fastest back on Tempe's campus is junior Darnell Autry (6-0, 180), a defensive back who runs a 4.5 forty. Senior TE Ryan Johnson (6-0, 165) is a thin receiver, but has good hands and speed. On defense, Johnson, Autry and Greathouse give THS a strong secondary.

Marshall Askland (5-10, 170) will open camp at quarterback. He runs a 4.9 and has a good collection of athletes to throw to and give to. Big Matt Fluke (6-1, 230) is the team's center. He plays tackle on defense, where teammate Chris Sanchez (5-10, 200) lines up next to him. Sean Northcutt (5-10, 170) is the Buffs' hard running fullback, and one of the better linebackers in the region, in spite of his size.

For Tempe fans, here's two dates to mark on the calendar: Sat., Aug. 29, when the Buffaloes meet South High in Pueblo, Colorado, and Fri., Oct. 2, when they host Tempe Mountain Pointe for the first time. That game will be the ASPN high school TV game of the week.

Speaking of **Mountain Pointe**, the Pride enters its first year of varsity play with a junior-loaded club. There are no seniors at The Pointe, yet. However, the newest school in the Tempe district returns one varsity-tested sole, veteran head coach Karl Kiefer, the state's winningest active mentor with 218 wins in 26 seasons. All those wins came at nearby Tempe McClintock.

"It's easy to spot our biggest hurdle," warns Kiefer, a former end and team captain at Arizona State. "It will be our juniors against everybody's seniors."

Well, almost everybody's seniors. The Pointe has an Oct. 23 date at home against Peoria Centennial, another 4A club with no senior class. The Pride's first city game is Oct. 2, at Tempe Union, Kiefer's alma mater. That will be ASPN's TV game of the week.

Last year's JV unit scored 413 points in a 9-0 season, averaging 45.8 points a game. Everybody's back, with at least eight key players worthy of mention:

QB Doug Szanto (6-1, 180), an A-student who averaged 16.8 yards a completion in the Pride's run-oriented offense; RB Mickey Gates (6-0, 190), with 4.6 speed, rushed for 1,317 yards (a 12.8 aver.) and scored 162 points on 27 touchdowns; FB Tyler Wallin (6-0, 190), the team's MLB and punter, averaged 9.5 yards per carry; OT/DE Beau Bossert (6-3, 230), son of 1964 Tucson Salpointe all-state tackle Don Bossert; OC/DE Shawn Doden (6-2, 250); OT/DE Jon Larsen (6-2, 220); OG/DE Ronnie Hernandez (5-10, 185); and DT Uriah Stricker (5-10, 180).

No matter the outcome, this will be The Pointe's only shot at post season honors in 4A ball. Next fall the Pride jumps into the 5A battle grounds. "It was a great start," concludes Kiefer, referring to last year's 9-0 finish. "But it was only junior varsity."

This could be the quickest team **Alhambra** has had in five years. The Lions, coached by veteran Paul Hoffland, have some new faces up from the JV and frosh teams who could contribute immediately, and help improve a 3-7 finish. "We have experience on offense and defense which we hope will allow us to get off to a faster start," says the head coach, winner of

128 games in the prep ranks in Ohio and Arizona.

The Lions return seven starters on both sides of the ball. The best two-way player is TB Elliott Grubbs (6-2, 193), one of the best backs in Phoenix. Grubbs played 10 games on offense, eight on defense at the corner. He broke Nathan LaDuke's school rushing record with 1,101 yards, alternating at TB the first three games. Brian Bejarano (6-3, 180) alternated with Steve Sloan (5-9, 155) at QB, and averaged 40 yards a kick as the team's punter.

Two-way tackle Marcos Holguin (6-2, 215), with 4.9 speed, has all-state potential. Holguin and Joaquin Chacon (5-9, 205) are two good defensive ends. Jason Brumm (6-1, 235) is a top offensive tackle. Greg Keith (5-11, 210) returns at defensive tackle. Junior Doug Schaefer (5-11, 178) started at LB as a soph.

Over at **Coronado**, the Dons watched most of their best players leave with diplomas. Coach Joe Corte got his 100th career win during an 11-2 campaign, which ended in the playoffs against Agua Fria. Only 15 squad members from that near-perfect club return.

One of the best is Rod Bair (5-11, 180), a versatile back who rushed for 764 yards, passed for 71, led the Dons in return yardage, scored 66 points and intercepted three passes on defense. In fact, his strength is his defense, at linebacker. In baseball, Bair batted .523 and was Scottsdale's co-player of the year. Two-way tackle Josh Lee (6-1, 225) and QB/DB M.J. Wiggins (5-10, 165) are two Dons with all-league potential. However, Wiggins will get competition for the QB slot from junior signal caller Gavin Skaggs (6-2, 175).

With depth a problem, players like OG/DE Mike Ronning (6-1, 220), OT/DE Tom McDermott (6-4, 210), SE/DB Jorge Espinoza (5-9, 150) and TE/DE Fred McDonald (6-1, 185) will have to go both ways if Coronado is to reach the playoffs again.

Arcadia fielded a young team, starting nine sophs, seven juniors and six seniors, and it showed in the won-loss column (2-8). "If we improve on the defensive side of the ball, as we should, we think we can make the playoffs," says second-year coach Ron Vick, the school's third head coach in the last four years.

At Arcadia, the game starts at quarterback. Field general Jason McCullough (6-1, 180) was the city's passing leader, completing 90 of 220 for 1,711 yards and 11 touchdowns. He earned honorable mention all-

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state honors. He also scored six TDs and booted 10 extra points, giving him 46 points on the season.

With 20 lettermen back, McCullough isn't the whole show. Although all-state receiver Dan Riccio transferred to another school, the Titans have several weapons to cut loose with, like RB Kane Dale. The 6-2, 190-pound junior should take pressure off the Titans' passing game. Free safety Bobby Belsher (6-0, 175) runs a 4.8 and can also play quarterback. But for the running or passing game to click, Arcadia must beef up the front wall. Tackle Randy Hakes (6-2, 200), guard Scott Turpin (5-11, 220), center Matt Hill (5-10, 190), and tackle Troy Denison (6-0, 195) have the size. What the Titans need now is depth.

One team with a giant forward wall is **Casa Grande**, coached by Mike Hayhurst. The Cougars finished 2-8, but should improve with tackle Mike Uhrich (6-4, 230), the school's top prospect, still in the lineup. Center Cade Clapp (6-0, 210) and big Jason Long (6-2, 310) are also back. Sophomore QB Jason Lenderman (6-0, 165) played in three varsity games as a frosh, passing for 366 yards and five TDs. Senior HB Tommy Fudge (5-10, 180) averaged 5.1 yards and scored four times.

4A SKYLINE REGION

1. Phoenix Washington
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"We return nine players who started on offense at one time or another," warns Steve Chisman at **Washington**. "It's our defense which needs to be rebuilt. But we will be getting help from our JV group. They lost only one game."

The biggest Ram in the backfield is FB Mike Szlauko (6-2, 210), who rushed for 606 yards in six games before injuring an ankle. He also plays linebacker. Another good prospect is tackle Clayton Boop (6-1, 215), another big Ram. In fact, Washington might have the biggest line in the league with Dan Maksim (5-10, 220), Rob Cowden (6-1, 205), David Olguin (6-1, 220) and Phil Aguirre (5-10, 185) in purple uniforms.

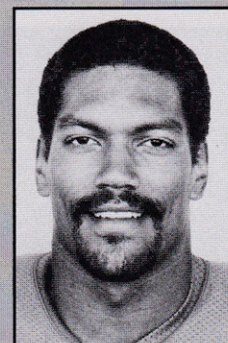
Joining Szlauko in the Rams' high powered backfield is QB Matt Saxe (6-2, 170), and running backs Boo Riley (5-10, 175)

Pro parade

According to Gary Wright of the NFL Seattle Seahawks, 64 different Arizona high schools have alumni who played professional football, in the USA or Canada. Phoenix South Mountain, with 10 players (three active), tops the list.

The Leaders:

Phoenix South Mountain	10
Mesa	8
Phoenix Union	7
Tucson Sunnyside	6
Tempe McClintock	6
Tucson Amphitheater	5
Phoenix Alhambra	5
Tempe	5
Eloy Santa Cruz	4
Avondale Agua Fria	4
Scottsdale Saguaro	4
Tucson	4



Steve Jordan
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and Ben Sanchez (5-9, 160). Saxe and Sanchez are juniors. The Rams' schedule is murder. They open with back-to-back games against Ironwood and Cactus, then travel to Scottsdale Coronado.

If they stumble along the way, watch for **Greenway** to move in and take over. In fact, the Demons might not need any help. Coach Gregg Parish returns 22 lettermen. "We were a young team which got better," says Parrish. "We made the playoffs and came within two minutes of beating No. 2-ranked Peoria."

Every skill player returns, giving the Demons good balance between running and passing. Biggest guns belong to the Strasser brothers, 5-10, 160-pound QB Jeff, and 5-10, 160-pound halfback John, a returning all-state defensive back. Both run 40 yards in 4.7 seconds. Running backs John Boatman (5-11, 175) and Shane Rinehart (5-10, 170) add more firepower. Split end John Tellez (6-0, 170) is the quickest Demon with 4.6 speed.

Up front, Greenway is solid with OT/DT Marty Reid (6-0, 240), OT/DT Kyle Pettibone (6-1, 240), TE/DE Ryan Holtorf (6-2, 185) and OG/DE David Braden (6-0, 200). Fullback Jeremy Cunday (6-0, 185) doubles at linebacker. "We don't have great size or speed," adds Parrish, whose club

opens Sept. 4 at Peoria. "But this year's seniors are 22-5 at Greenway High."

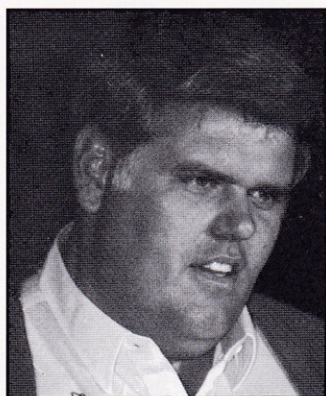
Recently, when it comes to defense, **Thunderbird** wrote the script. The Chiefs, coached by Mike Brown, had another good year, going 8-4. "The kids played hard and peaked at the right time," says Brown. "Since we have no depth, our season depends upon eligibility and staying healthy."

At this school defense is the name of the game, and LB Jason Douglas (6-2, 205) and junior DB Jason Camilli (6-0, 170), a possible blue chip player, lead the way. Camilli plays both offense and defense, runs 40 yards in 4.5 seconds, and started as a sophomore. With these two in the lineup, T'bird allowed only eight rushing TDs, and six were scored by Coronado's Paul Fichiera - three in the first game of the year, three in the last.

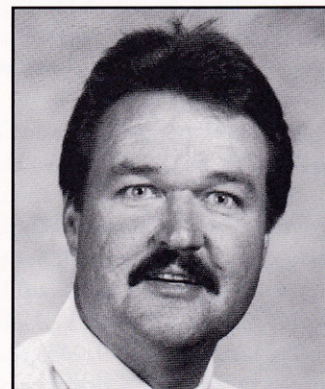
Camilli scored eight TDs as a sophomore, one on a kickoff return and seven through the air. He averaged 28.3 yards per catch. Quarterback Treay Perazzo (6-0, 180) is back. He completed 55 of 89 passes for 1,041 yards and 13 TDs. Only two passes were intercepted. Halfback Anthony Warner (5-9, 170), OT/DT Eric Schook (5-11, 225) and center Bill Binder (5-10, 220) started. Except for Camilli, the Chiefs' key returnees are all seniors.

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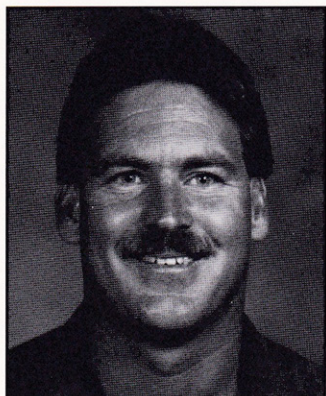
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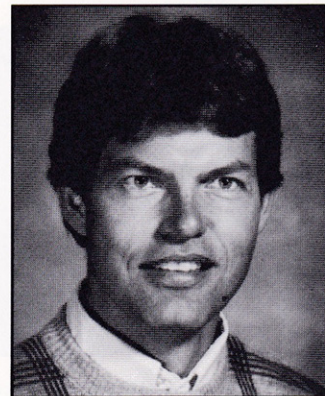
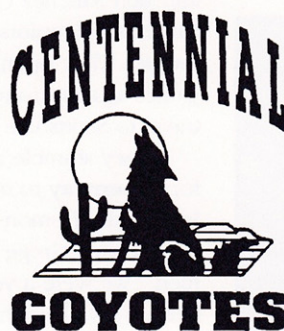
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Coach Bill Gahn got a great team effort at **Prescott**, and the Badgers reached the playoffs and went 7-4. Top players to watch include halfback Tyler Tenney (5-7, 170), tackle Brian Swanson (6-2, 224), defensive back Mark Hale (6-2, 190), and junior center Doug Crawford (6-0, 195).

Independence is still trying to dig itself out of a hole. Last year's varsity won one game and only six seniors lettered. In fact, the football team was the only varsity sport (football, basketball, baseball) to win a game. But help, in the form of an 8-0 frosh club, might be on the way. "Since we're trying to build with younger players, we're going to take our lumps," says Pat Lavin, former head coach at Phoenix St. Mary's and Agua Fria.

Still, seniors must carry the load, starting with tackles like Gabe Manzo (6-2, 190) and backs like Burton Farris (6-0, 175). Lavin hopes to improve the defense, starting with Walter Morrow, John Davis, Chuck Morrow, Melvin Lambert, Ruben Arellanes and Keith Deyo in the lineup. Juniors Jevon Mason, Steve Prado and Jon Gooch should contribute.

Cortez, picked to finish high in the standings, stumbled to 3-7. But this year the young Colts, coached by Rob Roberson, will be improved on the line, and that should help their young backs.

Center Jesse Ramirez (5-10, 208) is the first to touch the ball, and he's one of the better players. QB Jay Gaspar (5-11, 175) has a good nucleus of backs to work with, starting with junior FB Ty Harjo (6-0, 195) and junior HB Heath Whetsel (6-0, 185). Up front, tackle Eric Martindale (6-4, 225) and guard Charles Kopis (5-11, 215) are solid. Senior Archie Koenig and junior Ted Pearson are good linebackers, giving the Colts two solid performers at key defensive positions.

Another 3-7 club was **Sunnyslope**, and the Vikings, like rival Cortez, should also be improved. Coach Tim Evans has a senior-dominated squad, and that should help in close games. In linebacker Mike Wells (6-2, 220) and punter Roger Fleenor (6-0, 160), Evans has two of the better players in the 4A Skyline. Fleenor does all the kicking and has a 50-yard range on field goals, while Wells doubles at TE. Veteran seniors like QB Jeff Shillington, LB Mike Ingallina, WB Eric Talmich, LB Richie Barker, WR Zach Faux, OT Jeff Crowell, NG George Vargas, OG Steve Sanchez and big (6-1, 240) tackle Jeremy Crotts look forward to a better season.

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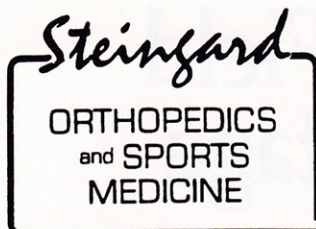
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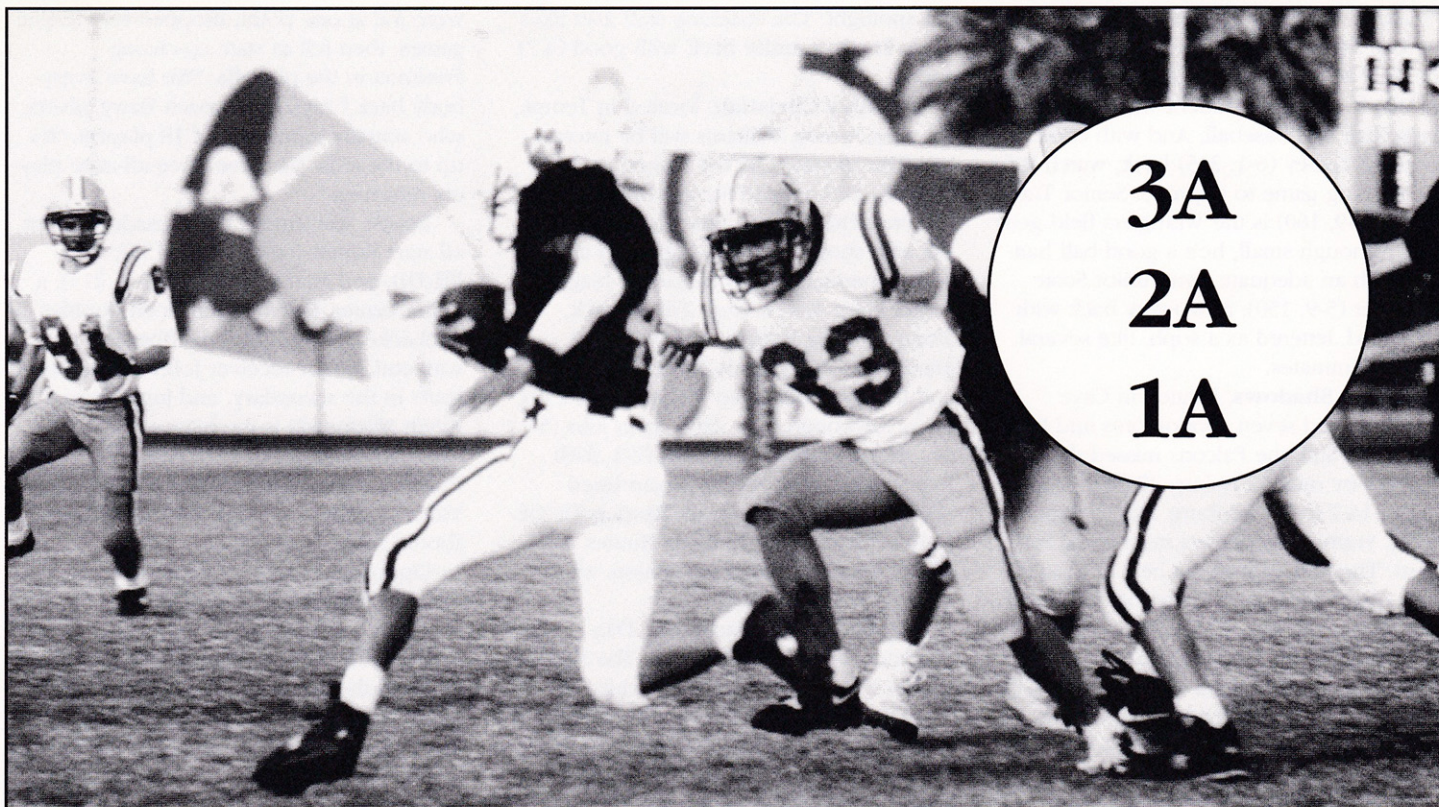
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Wickenburg linebacker Joe Glover (33) slips through a block and nails a Ray High back for a loss in the 1991 Class 2A quarterfinals in Tempe. Ray nipped the Wranglers, 27-12. Glover is a returning all-stater for the westside school.

Wranglers Aim at 2A Crown!

CLASS 3A

Coach Mike Carl's secret weapon is no longer a secret. Last fall, **Glendale** wide receiver Alistair White played his first season of organized football. He didn't even start. Then, in six games, he caught 36 passes for 681 yards and eight TDs. Better yet, he was a terror on kickoffs. With 4.5 speed, the 6-1, 170-pounder returned three for scores: 95 vs Dysart, 94 vs Bradshaw Mountain, 91 vs Apache Junction.

"Our biggest test will be finding a QB to throw the ball," says Carl, whose club finished 7-5 and reached the playoffs for the first time since 1980. In fact, GHS won a playoff game for the first time since 1965. Other weapons in the Cards' offense include FB Daniel Wiedoff (6-0, 185), who rushed for 892 yards on 120 carries as a soph, senior LB Andrew Guzak (6-2, 190), and talented junior kicker Matt Belden (5-10, 170), a 50-yard threat on field goals.

And White isn't the only receiver in camp, as Gary Coleman (6-3, 160) and Aaron Hulburt (6-0, 165) are speedy wide-outs. But the strength of this year's squad is its defense, including linemen James Cocoran (6-2, 195) and Luis Virgil (6-3, 230), and additional linebackers like

Anthony Lewis (5-10, 215), Manuel Figueroa (5-10, 170) and Mark Fierros (5-9, 160).

Although **Buckeye** played hard all year, the best thing about last season is it's over. Improvement is the name of the game, as 20 lettermen return from a 2-7 squad. Coach Jerry Nunez has three all-league candidates in tackles Pete Esquivel (6-3, 265) and Dan Rose (6-2, 275), and running back Travis Caratachea (5-8, 170), also the team's safety. Junior Jason Gledden (5-10, 175) should be the Hawks' signal caller, with another junior, Jason Heximer (5-10, 155), his ace receiver. Both lettered as sophomores. Senior Adam York (5-10, 180) is a tough linebacker. Buckeye opens Sept. 4 against Eloy Santa Cruz.

Dysart was another school glad to see the season end. The Demons, coached by Bob McClintock, faced all sorts of problems and finished 0-9. But this fall McClintock is all smiles with good, young players in the program, including help from an unbeaten JV squad. Still, for the Demons to get back in the playoff fold, senior leadership must come from running backs like Mark Campbell (5-8, 165) and Dustin Campbell (5-10, 180), and two-way tackles like Murdoch Tignor (6-4, 225) and Abraham Dela Rosa (6-3, 260). Again, Dysart will have its share of big, fast athletes.

After an 0-10 finish in 1990, **Apache Junction** showed progress with a 4-5 outing and missed the playoffs by one win. The Prospectors, coached by Jim Burton, were 4-2 at one point. They should be improved defensively, but very young at the skill positions. A good (6-2) JV squad might help. Center Alan Hays (5-10, 182) has played since his sophomore year. He also stars on defense, as an end. The rest of that defensive unit, at one time or another, will include Danny Rush, Matt Forest, Garrett Cassity, Lucky Johnson, Don Imus, Tom Reichwald, Shawn Sherwood, Gary Boyce, Brian Stalkfleet, Martin Smith, Matt Snell and Anthony Baca. All but Smith, Snell and Baca started.

CLASS 2A

After a year's absence, **Wickenburg** bounced back into the playoff picture. The Wranglers, coached by Jon Hill, finished 7-2-1 after Ray beat them in the 2A quarterfinals, 27-12. This year's veteran club might have only two juniors in the lineup.

In senior Joe Glover (5-11, 185), the Wranglers return a second team all-state linebacker, who also doubles at fullback. Last fall, Glover recorded 25 solo tackles,

75 assists. As a blocking back, he carried the ball 54 times for 316 yards. But he's not the only standout. Guard Adrian Orona (6-0, 210) is an honor student who stars in basketball and baseball. And with center Brandon Dalley (6-1, 215) back, watch for the running game to improve. Senior Travis Hearn (5-9, 160) is the Wranglers field general. Although small, he's a good ball handler with an adequate arm. Junior Scott Drescher (5-9, 150), a two-way back with 4.7 speed, lettered as a soph, like several of his teammates.

Cactus Shadows, located in Cave Creek, started seven sophomores and finished 4-5. Still, the Falcons missed the playoffs by only 12 points: 27-22 to Camp Verde, 14-7 to Wickenburg. But to improve in '92, young skill players must come forward. The line, one of the best in Class 2A ball, is set, starting will potential all-staters Gaines Du Vall (6-2, 235) and Steve Johnson (6-2, 225), just a junior. One all-stater is back, DE Derek Weber (5-11, 170), a small but tough defender. Opponents haven't figured out how to block him, yet.

Offensively or defensively, Coach Gerry LaBelle's forward wall will also include Devin Verhulst (6-0, 180), Josh Hughes (5-10, 180), Abe Geupel (6-1, 175), Jonathan Clancy (5-11, 200), Mark Kautzman (6-2, 205), Robert Huth (6-1, 210) and Chris Smith (6-2, 165), to name a few. Senior Marc Reid will run the Falcons' T-formation, along with halfbacks Scott Clifton, Logan Sparks and Joey Hage. Sparks and Hage are juniors. Robert Huth, the big linebacker, is also a fullback.

After going 0-10, improvement is the name of the game at **Bourgade Catholic**. The Golden Eagles, coached by Bill Cerjak, look to junior QB Mike Bonds (6-0, 175) as the team's field general. Senior Max Hansen and junior Joe Laguna are small but quick backs. Junior WR Andy Garnica started as a sophomore. Big Paul Murphy (6-1, 210) is a two-way end. Shawn Gatson, Richard Lynch and Jason O'Connor are small, but experienced linemen. Junior DB Chris Paz can also play QB.

Close but no cigar! **Seton Catholic** posted a near-perfect 7-2 record and still missed the playoffs. Coach Al Forte returns 12 players from that club, including Armondo Bernasconi (5-9, 166), one of the better backs in the 2A Central. This will be a senior dominated club, with QB Dan Boylan (6-3, 170), OG/DT Mike Aglio (6-1, 200), OC Jeff Ellison (5-10, 185), OT/DT John Duich (6-3, 210) and OG Jim Morrow (5-11, 170), to name a few, in the lineup.

Keith Brown moves from Scottsdale Christian to **Phoenix Christian**, where the Cougars went 3-6 in 1991. Early reports show linebacker Mat Broek (6-0, 195) and two-way tackle Lofton Duer (6-1, 205) in

the spotlight. The coaching staff also likes Mark Tomb, a junior back with good (4.7) speed.

At **Valley Christian**, located in Tempe, life after Armon Williams will be interesting. The all-state QB/DB picked up his diploma and headed for the University of Arizona. The Trojans, coached by Bernie Benson, should have an improved club, with experience a key factor. All-league center Greg Askew (6-4, 240) is back, along with big lettermen like Charles Martin (6-4, 270), Andy Reinbold (6-4, 200), and the Ryan act: Ryan Weber (5-11, 230), Ryan Yarbrough (6-3, 220), Ryan Ellis (5-11, 180) and Ryan Vermillion (6-1, 290). Except for Askew, every Trojan listed above is a junior. FB Andy Werner, TE/DE Danny Vargas, HB/CB Chris Hiraes and kicker Jared Schrieber are seniors who must show leadership.

Queen Creek, coached by Dan Kennedy, appears on the rise. The Bulldog varsity went 5-3-1, and the JV club went 5-2. Two of the varsity's three losses were to state champ Florence and runnerup Ray. This fall, a young squad faces a tough schedule, but the coaches are confident, especially with speedy FB Evan Hawley (5-7, 150) and shifty WR Memo Rodriguez (5-7, 140) running through the enemy secondary. Both are seniors. Underclassmen like QB Jim Ferguson, guard Manuel Trujillo and linebacker Eddie Campos are good, two-way performers. In fact, almost every starting Bulldog plays both sides of the line.

Lad Dietrich resigned at **Gila Bend**, so the Gila Monsters are looking for a new coach. The varsity finished 4-6, but easily could have been 6-4. Two close losses in 2A West games kept them from the playoffs. Two-way backs Gabriel Alvarez (5-8, 170) and Delson Gonzalez (5-9, 190), and WR Chuck Cavanaugh (5-11, 170) have all-league potential. All three are seniors and star in the secondary.

The newest school on the block is **Fountain Hills**, located in north Scottsdale. The Falcons, with 350 students on campus, will play an independent schedule, with frosh and JV players only. Next year the Blue & Silver Falcons will play a 2A varsity schedule.

were 6-0 at one point, dropped two league games, then fell to state co-champ Fredonia in the playoffs. "We have everybody back," says head coach Barry Silvers, who actually returns 16 of 18 players. "It's up to the kids. We have three all-state players returning."

Beside Wahlstrom, the Crusaders return all-stars Robert Jenkins (5-9, 155), a RB/DB, and Matt Kimmerlee (6-2, 215), a junior center. Fullback Jim Koch doubles at linebacker. Senior Brian Hoffner is a two-way end. Junior receiver John McMahon starts in the secondary, and junior guard Kevin Mastowski is the biggest (6-0, 265) Crusader in camp. Linebackers D.J. Parsons, a transfer from Moon Valley, and Vince D'Ambrose, a transfer from Payson, should help.

Opposing coaches agree on two things: **Arizona Lutheran Academy** is one of the two best 8-man teams in Phoenix, and tailback Taylor Hedrick is one of the two best backs in the state. The Coyotes' speedy TB rushed for 1,387 yards in 10 games, averaging 10.6 yards a clip. Lutheran finished 8-2 on the season, and the 6-1, 175-pound all-stater scored 22 touchdowns. Coach Doug Lange's club fell to state co-champ Fredonia, 52-42 in the 1A semis. They averaged 49 points per game. Cornerback Ben Hoffman (6-0, 187) had only one pass completed on him and that resulted in a fumble when he tackled the receiver. Fullback Kevin Irick (5-9, 215) scored 16 touchdowns and averaged 7.3 yards per carry. Linebacker Tyler Behm (6-0, 175) joins DE Paul Meier (6-5, 175) and DT Scott Kahrs (6-2) to help The Academy defend the its turf.

Plug up the defense. That's the game plan at **Phoenix Day School for the Deaf**, where the Roadrunners went 3-5, but were outscored 268-156. Coach Don Kitson had only 13 players on the team, and it showed in high scoring games. But several of the better players in the 1A Central wear the 'Runners' colors, including HB/LB Russell Koenig (6-0, 190), QB/CB Jesse Rubio (5-9, 175), OL/DL Gilbert Talversa (5-10, 200) and FB/LB Eric Connor (5-10, 180). Rubio is the only senior and Connor started as a freshman.

Scottsdale Christian is looking for a winning formula and a new coach. Keith Brown left to coach at Phoenix Christian, and the Eagles must regroup. Senior guard Mike Christner (5-9, 170) returns, along with a youth movement which saw 10 freshmen earn varsity letters, half which were linemen. Last fall, freshman Greg Davis (5-10, 155) was the only quarterback on the roster.

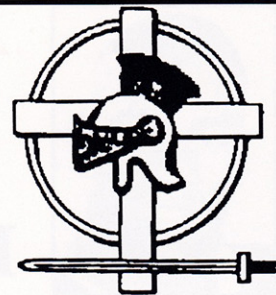
8-MAN

In two years of varsity play, big Dave Wahlstrom (6-5, 205) has passed for 2,454 yards and 41 touchdowns. It's for these reasons that **Northwest Community Christian** is one of the favorites in 8-man ball. Wahlstrom plays offense, defense, special teams and kicks. The Crusaders

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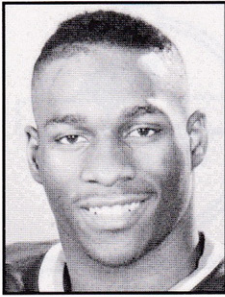
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Larry Bandura

TOUCHDOWNS (GAME)

6Cotton Reiman, Phoenix Union, 1928
6Art Halbrook, Glendale, 1936
6Bill Crabtree, Agua Fria, 1952 (so)
6Phil Smith, Cortez, 1967
6Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
6Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1983
6Art Greathouse, McClintock, 1984 (jr)
6Darren Woodson, Maryvale, 1986
6Andrew McCormick, McClintock, '90
6Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990 (so)

TOUCHDOWNS (SEASON)

38Brian Drew, McClintock, 1989
34Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1988
31Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1987 (jr)
31Keith Huckaby, Agua Fria, 1989
30Marvin Johnson, Peoria, 1987
29Bob Soza, Westwood, 1966
29Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1983
29Marcus Dickson, Maryvale, 1989
27Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1956 (so)
26Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
26Sean Reeder, Cactus Shadows, 1988
25Quentin Gregory, Arcadia, 1960
25Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1967
25Paul Kasprzyk, Mountain View, 1983
25Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1985
25T. Ford, Peoria, 1990 (jr)

TOUCHDOWNS (CAREER)

76Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1986-88 (3)
63George Greathouse, Carver/
.....Phoenix Union, 1952-55 (4)
63Sean Reeder, Cave Creek, 1985-88
61Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955-58
60Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1964-67
54Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1981-83
52Whizzer White, Mesa, 1944-46
52Keith Huckaby, Agua Fria, 1984-89
48Marcus Dickson, Maryvale, 1988-89
48T. Ford, Peoria, 1989-91
48Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, (active!)
47Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972-74
46Lowell McDonald, Glendale, 1941-44

POINTS (GAME)

36Cotton Reiman, Phoenix Union, 1928
36Art Halbrook, Glendale, 1936
36Bill Crabtree, Arcadia, 1952 (so)
36Phil Smith, Cortez, 1967

36Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
36Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1983
36Art Greathouse, McClintock, 1984 (jr)
36Darren Woodson, Maryvale, 1986
36Andrew McCormick, McClintock, '90
36Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990 (so)

POINTS (SEASON)

228Brian Drew, McClintock, 1989
213Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1985
204Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1988
190Keith Huckaby, Agua Fria, 1989
188Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1987 (jr)
181Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
180Marvin Johnson, Peoria, 1987
174Bob Soza, Westwood, 1966
174Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1983
174Marcus Dickson, Maryvale, 1989

POINTS (CAREER)

460Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1986-88 (3)
386Sean Reeder, Cactus Shadows,
.....1985-88 (4)
383George Greathouse, Carver/
.....Phoenix Union, 1952-55
378Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955-58
376Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972-74
368Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1964-67
353Whizzer White, Mesa, 1944-46
344Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1981-83
320Keith Huckaby, Agua Fria, 1987-89

RUSHING YARDS (GAME)

358Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
344Brian Pringle, Sunnyslope, 1970
339Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972 (so)
334Paul Fichiera, Coronado, 1990 (jr)
328Keith Huckaby, Agua Fria, 1989
327Jim McQuinn, Central, 1976
315Ryan Christopherson, Cactus, 1989
315Mike Mitchell, Brophy, 1991 (jr)
314Vai Sikahema, Mesa, 1978

RUSHING YARDS (SEASON)

2,003Marcus Dickson, Maryvale, 1989
1,995Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1991 (jr)
1,991Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
1,952Scott Shill, Corona del Sol, 1981
1,927Bob Soza, Westwood, 1966
1,913David Mitchell, St. Mary's, 1974 (jr)
1,912Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982

1,905Sean Reeder, Cave Creek, 1988
1,854Kevin Galbreath, Maryvale, 1986 (jr)
1,821Keith Huckaby, Agua Fria, 1989
1,812Marvin Johnson, Peoria, 1987
1,775Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1987 (jr)
1,771Remy Carrasco, Gilbert, 1985

RUSHING YARDS (CAREER)

5,204Sean Reeder, Cave Creek, 1985-88
4,551George Greathouse, Carver/
.....Phoenix Union, 1952-55
4,417Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955-58
4,307Whizzer White, Mesa, 1944-46 (3)
4,128Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1986-88
4,050Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972-74
3,828Reggie McGill, St. Mary's, 1984-86
3,650Kevin Galbreath, Maryvale, 1985-87
3,632David Mitchell, St. Mary's, 1973-75
3,532Scott Shill, Corona del Sol, 1978-81
3,570Paul Fichiera, Coronado, 1989-91
3,468Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, (active!)

CARRIES (GAME)

45Jose Valenzuela, Apache Jct., 1989
44Forrest Valora, Trevor Browne, 1975
44Carlos Cochran, Ironwood, 1991 (jr)
43Forrest Valora, Trevor Browne, 1975
40Craig Amack, Tempe, 1974
40Ryan Christopherson, Cactus, 1989
39Gus Armstrong, St. Mary's, 1976
38Irby Cain, North, 1961

AVERAGE YARDS PER CARRY (SEASON)

12.6Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955 (fr)
12.5Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1957 (jr)
12.3Rick Kelton, Gilbert, 1974
12.0Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1956 (so)
11.9Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1958
11.9Sean Reeder, Cactus Shadows,
.....1987 (jr)
11.8Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990 (so)
10.8Jerry Lamb, Chandler, 1955 (jr)
10.7Everett Rollins, Arcadia, 1962
10.1Gerald Brown, Buckeye, 1975 (jr)
10.1Ryan Christopherson, Cactus, '88 (jr)

AVERAGE YARDS PER CARRY (CAREER)

12.3Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955-58

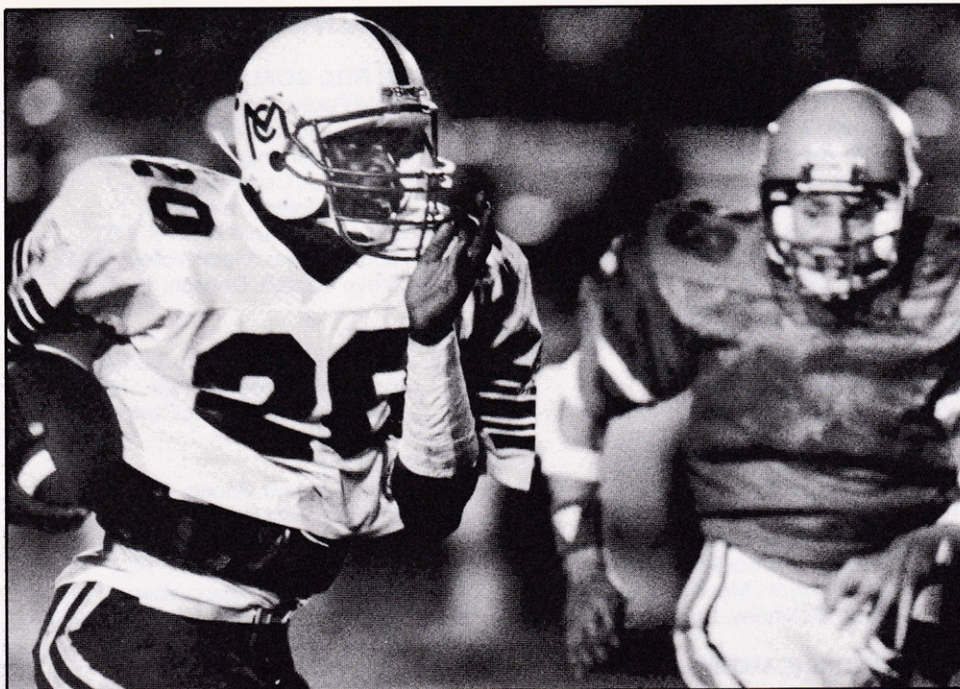
LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN

99Sammy Johnson, Mesa, 1952



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There's no catching Cleveland Colter on this play in 1985. McClintock's all-stater scored a city record 213 points, which has since been broken by another Charger, Brian Drew.

99Craig Ponczak, Gerard, 1964
 99Jerry Harper, Chaparral, 1980
 99Tom Collins, Apollo, 1985
 99Randy Carr, Central, 1986
 98Marvin Davis, Tempe, 1950
 98Jim Rawlins, Tempe, 1950
 98Danny Arrendondo, Tempe, 1952
 98Paul Fichiera, Coronado, 1990 (jr)

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME (SEASON)

181.0 ..Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
 173.8 ..Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
 173.2 ..Sean Reeder, Cactus Shadows, 1988
 166.9 ..Marcus Dickson, Maryvale, 1989
 162.1 ..Scott Shill, Corona del Sol, 1981
 160.6 ..Bob Soza, Westwood, 1966

PASSING YARDS (GAME)

404Mike Makings, Scottsdale, 1971
 403Rick Johnson, Paradise Valley, 1983
 385Rick Savale, Arcadia, 1966
 380Bob Pitre, Arcadia, 1975
 365Todd Sheridan, Arcadia, 1982
 351Fred Mortensen, Tempe, 1971
 351Kerry Kersting, Alhambra, 1978
 347Brian Judd, Cactus, 1989
 342Cody Martin, Brophy Prep, 1989

PASSING YARDS (SEASON)

2,529 ..Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1985
 2,507 ..Kevin Stephens, Cactus, 1991
 2,352 ..Brian Judd, Cactus, 1989
 2,233 ..Steve Belles, St. Mary's, 1984
 2,226 ..John Bonds, St. Mary's, 1987
 2,170 ..Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1983 (so)

2,033 ..William Babb, Peoria, 1987
 2,011 ..Cary Palmer, Mesa, 1974

PASSING YARDS (CAREER)

6,346 ..Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1983-85 (3)
 4,712 ..Scott Molander, CDS, 1982-84
 4,596 ..Steve Belles, St. Mary's, 1982-84
 4,373 ..Kevin Stephens, Cactus, 1990-91
 4,174 ..Justin Diede, Glendale, 1989-91
 4,135 ..William Babb, Peoria, 1985-87
 4,007 ..Fred Mortensen, Tempe, 1969-71
 3,995 ..Cary Palmer, Mesa, 1973-74 (2)
 3,597 ..Tom Baker, St. Mary's, 1969-71
 3,573 ..Joe Carter, Paradise Valley, 1984-86

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (GAME)

7Tommy Scott, Gilbert, 1926
 6Duncan Brown, Mesa, 1924
 6Charlie Beal, Mesa, 1943
 6Gary Carpenter, North, 1968
 5Gilbert Martinez, Chandler, 1958
 5Ted Blake, Sunnyslope, 1965
 5Pete Harter, Chandler, 1965
 5Randy Holmes, Peoria, 1968
 5Mike Makings, Scottsdale, 1971
 5Fred Mortensen, Tempe, 1971
 5Shawn Gilbert, Agua Fria, 1982
 5Scooter Molander, CDS, 1982
 5Jeff Zygmunt, Deer Valley, 1984
 5Chuck Levinus, Cactus, 1984
 5Lee Schrack, Tempe, 1988
 5Cory Giles, Westwood, 1991

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (SEASON)

27Kevin Stephens, Cactus, 1991
 24Chris Calgano, Gerard, 1974

23Greg Hubbell, Central, 1972
 23Chris Stanfield, Mesa, 1981
 23William Babb, Peoria, 1987
 22Bill Mannion, St. Mary's, 1967 (jr)
 22Chris Skelly, St. Mary's, 1974
 22Brian Judd, Cactus, 1989
 22Steve Connolly, Washington, 1989
 22Tom Baker, St. Mary's, 1969 (so)

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (CAREER)

51Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1983-85 (3)
 47Kevin Stephens, Cactus, 1990-91 (2)
 45Tom Baker, St. Mary's, 1969-71
 40Bill Mannion, St. Mary's, 1966-68
 40Steve Belles, St. Mary's, 1982-84
 37Chris Calgano, Gerard, 1972-74
 37William Babb, Peoria, 1985-87
 36Horace Griffen, Mesa, 1936-38
 36Tom Campbell, Seton, 1967-69

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS

99Frank Zellner to Gloyes Lemons,
Buckeye, 1955
 99Doug Stitler to Curt Reimann,
Brophy Prep, 1978
 98Ken Butler to Ralph Flores,
Sunnyslope, 1960
 97Al Elserio to Al Dossie,
Phoenix Union, 1976
 97Steve Belles to Chris Buford,
St. Mary's, 1982

RECEPTIONS (GAME)

16Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
 13Jason Birdsong, 1989 (jr)
 13David Stephens, Glendale, '90 (jr)
 12Brad Anderson, Alhambra, 1978
 12Adam Mesa, Gilbert, 1982
 12Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984
 12Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984
 12Shelby Hill, Central, 1988

RECEPTIONS (SEASON)

76Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1989 (jr)
 68Chris Baniszewski, McClintock, 1985
 66Brant Williams, Independence, 1986
 66Tony Vining, Cactus, 1991
 64Scott McLouth, Gilbert, 1985
 61Bryan Snyder, Sunnyslope, 1983 (jr)
 60Bill Sorcineli, Camelback, 1964
 59Travis Ligons, Cactus, 1984
 58Ed Flores, Arcadia, 1976
 58Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984
 58Ernie Salazar, Paradise Valley, '86 (jr)

RECEPTIONS (CAREER)

148Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1988-90
 119Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75
 117Cleveland Colter, McClintock, '83-85
 117Don Yantis, Paradise Valley, 1986-88
 111Carlos Artis, Washington, 1988-90

RECEIVING YARDS (GAME)

302Pete Klaass, Paradise Valley, 1983 (jr)
 296Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971



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260Keith Rawls, CDS, 1982
 240Shelby Hill, Central, 1988
 234Murl Huff, Phoenix Union, 1924
 226Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971
 225Jim Palmer, Scottsdale, 1962
 224David Donahue, McClintock, 1982
 220Todd Young, MDN, 1983 (jr)

RECEIVING YARDS (SEASON)

1,226 ..Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
 1,201 ..Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1989
 1,188 ..Tony Vining, Cactus, 1991
 1,090 ..Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971
 1,090 ..Chris Baniszewski, McClintock, 1985
 1,038 ..Rick Molina, Tempe, 1971
 1,014 ..Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984

RECEIVING YARDS (CAREER)

2,508 ..Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1988-90
 2,172 ..Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75
 2,165 ..Carlos Artis, Washington, 1988-90
 1,733 ..Cleveland Colter, McIntock, 1983-85
 1,661 ..Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1988-present
 1,585 ..Rich Groppenbacher, McC., 1982-84
 1,539 ..Glenn Dennard, CDS, 1979-81

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (GAME)

5Dwight Bennett, Glendale, 1966
 4Murl Huff, Phoenix Union, 1924
 4Merrill Brookings, Gilbert, 1926
 4Cecil Crouch, Mesa, 1943
 4Jim Palmer, Scottsdale, 1962
 4Mike Bowling, Agua Fria, 1966
 4Dan White, West, 1967
 4Dick Harris, Westwood, 1969 (jr)
 4Jesus Tirado, Marcos de Niza, 1974
 4Shawn Harris, Tempe, 1988
 4Scott Mettham, Chaparral, 1988

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (SEASON)

15Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1989 (jr)
 14Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1974 (jr)
 14Dewey Horton, Gilbert, 1977
 13Murl Huff, Phoenix Union, 1924
 13Mike Bowling, Agua Fria, 1966
 13Rick Molina, Tempe, 1971
 13Mike Baker, Gerard, 1974
 13James Sosinski, McClintock, 1980

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (CAREER)

29Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75
 26Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1988-90
 21Carlos Artis, Washington, 1988-90
 20Charles Christopher, Carver, 1950-53
 19Dick Harris, Tempe/Westwood, '68-70
 18Jesus Tirado, MDN, 1972-74
 18Glenn Dennard, CDS, 1979-81

AVERAGE YARDS PER RECEPTION (SEASON)

37.7Tom White, Saguaro, 1975
 35.9Pete Weidner, Tempe, 1984
 34.5Craig Radke, Horizon, 1989
 28.3Randall McDaniel, Agua Fria, 1982
 27.8Robert Hailey, Trevor Browne, 1983
 26.1Chris Buford, St. Mary's, 1981 (jr)
 25.1Ruben Gomez, Corona del Sol, 1980

INTERCEPTIONS (GAME)

5Dick Gwinn, Judson, 1964
 4Ned Newell, Mesa, 1921
 4Albert Guthrie, Mesa, 1921
 4Seth Williams, Glendale, 1958
 4Craig Cardon, Mesa, 1966
 4Pat Farrell, St. Mary's, 1969
 4Dick Harris, Westwood, 1970
 4Mark Oligschlaeger, Bourgade, 1972
 4Bret Baker, Saguaro, 1974
 4Vince Martinez, Tempe, 1981
 4Steve McDowell, Gilbert, 1983

INTERCEPTIONS (SEASON)

15Mike Vere, Bourgade, 1972
 14Mickey Bell, Cactus, 1979
 14Andy Zwingle, Peoria, 1979
 13Shawn Benson, Mesa, 1981
 13Scotty Malm, Phoenix Christian, 1986
 12Phil Havens, North, 1962
 12Bill Diple, Arcadia, 1965 (jr)
 12Scott Hutson, Mountain View, 1983
 12Rhon McKinney, North, 1986

INTERCEPTIONS (CAREER)

26Phillip Echeverria, Buckeye, '85-87 (3)
 24Carlos Artis, Washington, 1988-90
 20Rhon McKinney, North, 1985-86 (2)
 19Bill Diple, Arcadia, 1965-66 (2)
 18Phillippi Sparks, Maryvale, 1985-86

LONGEST RETURN (INTERCEPTION)

105T.C. Richmond, Agua Fria, 1985 (jr)
 103John Heffton, Moon Valley, 1980
 102Quincy Fowler, St. Mary's, 1941
 102Elby Bushong, Washington, 1961
 102Chris Enos, Cortez, 1982
 100Benny Garcia, Agua Fria, 1962
 100Mike Smith, Phoenix Christian, 1962
 100David Given, McClintock, 1975
 100Scott Lubow, Shadow Mtn., 1984
 100Brian Fair, South Mountain, 1988 (so)
 100Jerry Ingram, Independence, 1988
 100Al Sparks, Maryvale, 1990 (jr)

FIELD GOALS (GAME)

4Lawrence Bever, Phoenix Union, 1925
 4Phil Insalaco, Phx. Christian, 1984
 4Jqe Ackie, Carl Hayden, 1990

FIELD GOALS (SEASON)

19Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1985
 16Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1989
 13Phil Insalaco, Phoenix Christian, 1984
 12Randy Weiskittle, Brophy Prep, 1987
 12Kyle Bell, McClintock, 1989
 12Mario Silva, St. Mary's, 1990
 11Matt McKinney, Saguaro, 1978
 11Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1984 (jr)
 11Quin Rodriguez, Dobson, 1985 (jr)

FIELD GOALS (CAREER)

36Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1983-85
 26Quin Rodriguez, Dobson, 1984-86
 24Kyle Bell, Cactus, 1987-89

22Dave Wood, Washington, 1976-79

LONGEST FIELD GOAL

62Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1989
 54Bob Facio, Gerard, 1977
 54Chuck Hunzinger, Deer Valley, 1984
 52Lee Pistor, Central, 1973
 52Benny Moreno, North, 1977
 52David Ohton, Alhambra, 1977
 52Scott Reutter, Moon Valley, 1984 (so)
 52Steve Rausch, Dobson, 1987

PATS (GAME)

15Danny White, Westwood, 1969
 11Ed Brooks, Phoenix Union, 1914
 10Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1985

PATS (SEASON)

69Tony Camino, Peoria, 1987
 66Kyle Bell, McClintock, 1989
 63Frank Coen, McClintock, 1980
 60Steve Rausch, Dobson, 1987
 58Barry Duncan, Moon Valley, 1982
 55Lee Toone, Cactus Shadows, 1988
 53David Smith, Maryvale, 1986

PATS (CONSECUTIVE)

53David Smith, Maryvale, 1986
 53Tony Camino, Peoria, 1987
 39Lee Toone, Cactus Shadows, 1988
 34Greg Thibault, Coronado, 1976

PATS (CAREER)

142Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1987-89
 134Rich Groppenbacher, McC., 1982-84
 115Frank Coen, McClintock, 1979-80
 115Tony Camino, Peoria, 1985-87

LONGEST PUNT

99Walter Williams, Mesa, 1925
 84John Durso, Arcadia, 1976
 80Justus Goebel, Phoenix Union, 1910
 77Doug Pasanella, Paradise Valley, '78
 75Oscar Reynolds, St. Mary's, 1939
 75John Parker, Buckeye, 1939
 75Whizzer White, Mesa, 1945 (jr)
 75Dennis Goettl, Central, 1973

PUNTING AVERAGE (SEASON)

47.5Jeff Skousen, Mesa, 1922
 47.0Jim McCann, North, 1965
 46.0Pat Hawbaker, St. Mary's, 1971
 45.9Whizzer White, Mesa, 1945 (jr)

LONGEST PUNT RETURN (TOUCHDOWN)

102Brackston Whitaker, Glendale, 1939
 100Larry Ribay, Tempe, 1956
 100Tom Ribaudo, East, 1967
 98Brett Schur, Seton, 1988

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN (TOUCHDOWN)

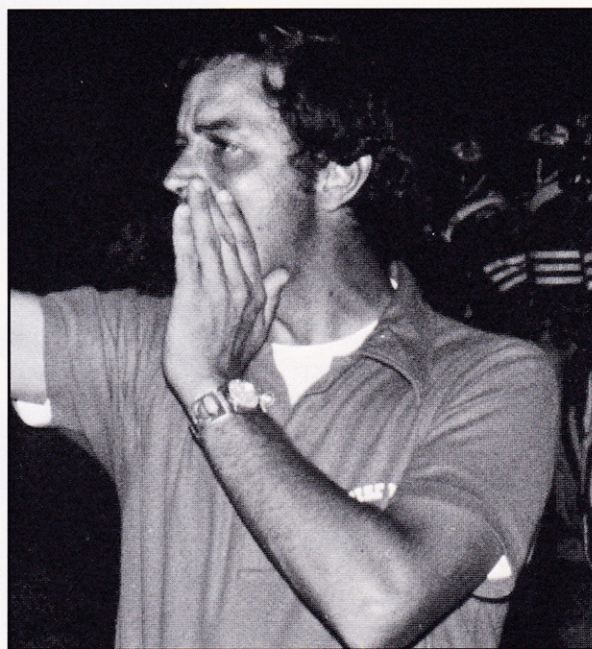
102Roger Rice, Alhambra, 1989
 102Carl Mason, Independence, 1989
 102Armando Castro, Peoria, 1990
 100Seth Carr, St. Mary's, 1988
 100Donnell Thompson, North, 1988



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The Moon Valley Rockets and the Trevor Browne Bruins. They followed the script. They were the preseason favorites to meet in the Class AAA finals, and that's just what they did.

Unfortunately for Trevor Browne fans, Moon Valley didn't skip a beat. Coach Earl Putman's Rockets crushed almost everybody in their way, and stung the Bruins, 20-7 on a "bad night for all" in Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe.

Everybody took a bath, including the state champion Rockets, and the state's governing body of high school sports, the Arizona Interscholastic Association. The playing field was a sea of mud and rain, as less than 4,000 spectators, the smallest crowd in championship game history, braved the storm.

Moon Valley finished 14-0; Trevor Browne 10-4. Putman, the dean of prep coaches in the Skyline Division, gave an early warning when his Rockets beat Tempe McClintock, 20-7 early in the season. The game wasn't as close as the score, and MV's forward wall, led by tackle Richard Bear, stuffed the usually potent Charger offense.

But Putman's club really opened some eyes on Nov. 5 in a 38-14 rout of Phoenix St. Mary's, played before an estimated 8,000 fans at Moon Valley High.

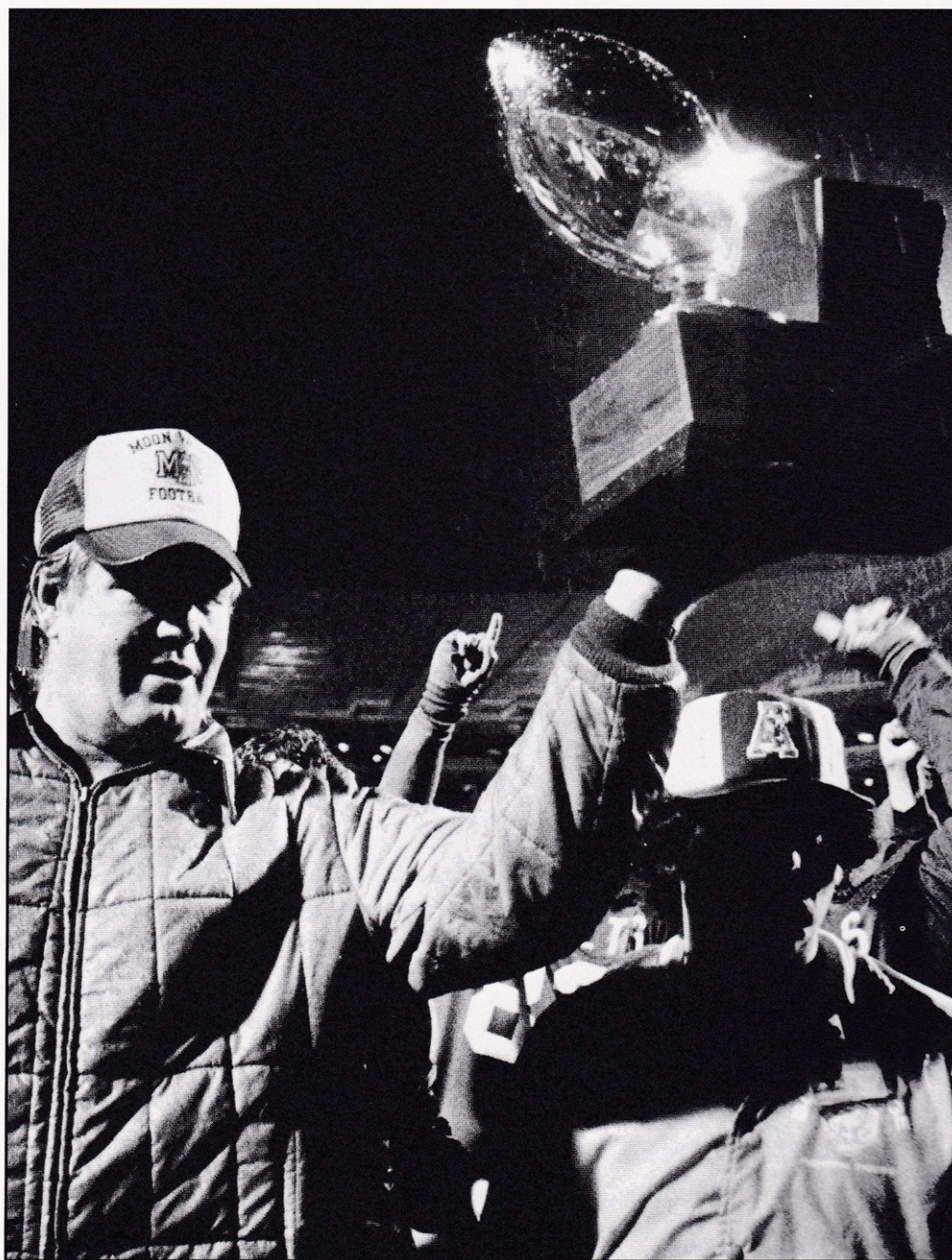
"That may have been the best game ever played by a Moon Valley team," said Putman later. "Everything worked that night. After the St. Mary's game, the kids felt they could beat anybody."

And they did.

A 42-0 massacre of Thunderbird finished off a perfect 10-0 regular season. Glendale Apollo fell 28-0 in the playoff's first round. Maryvale fared no better than before (a 36-6 loss in Sept.), falling 35-7 in a rematch. Mountain View, the toughest club in the tough Central Division, dropped a 21-14 nail bitter. One week later Browne High fell in the finals and Putman had his first and only gold trophy.

Although it was to be his one and only championship club, six of Putman's next seven teams reached the playoffs. In fact, his 1986 squad finished 13-1 and lost to Mountain View in the state finals. He bowed out in 1989, with a 167-85-6 record in 24 years - all at Moon Valley.

Bear, the Rockets' all-state tackle, landed a scholarship to Arizona State. Guard Mike Nelson and defensive back Ron Walker joined him on the all-state teams. Quarterback John Brouse, guard Jim



Not rain, mud or Phoenix Trevor Browne kept Moon Valley head coach Earl Putman from smiling after the 1982 Class AAA finals (Gazette photo).

Youngblood, place kicker Barry Duncan, and defensive linemen John Bonnell and Ken Schiffbauer also earned post season honors. Half their teammates headed for the JC ranks, and played a lot of ball.

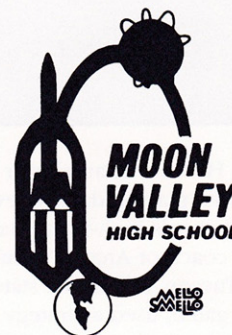
As a defensive unit, the '82 Rockets were a real menace, giving up a touch-down or less to 10 different opponents. They intercepted 22 enemy passes. Offensively, they scored 30 or more points nine times, with a 57-0 win over Paradise Valley the high point. Overall, they scored 474 points and totaled 4,756 yards in 14 games.

In 1982, one thing was missing from the Phoenix football circles. For the first time since statehood, Phoenix Union High School didn't field a team. The district closed it down. A school which had more than 6,000 students in 1963, which had sent more graduates into the college ranks than any Arizona school, a school which had won 25 state football championships ... closed its doors.

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30 Years Ago (1962)

Arcadia's Finest Hour

Bob Hendricks, an all-star quarterback in his own playing days, knew how to derail Tucson's high-flying Badgers.

The coach of Arcadia's club which clobbered Tucson 40-7 in the state championship game, used a strategy that almost shutout the Badgers. Averaging 400 yards and 35.7 points per game, Tucson didn't score until the last five seconds.

The Titans' strategy was to jam the Tucson center and alter the quarterback's timing. At the start of the game, Badger quarterback Delbert Salazar was stepped on as the Arcadia middle guard, Richard Gray, jammed the center. Tucson, one of the finest ball-handling teams in the high school ranks, fumbled five times.

"We've been jamming centers all year and tonight Richard Gray had it down to perfection," said Hendricks, a former prep star from Ajo and later Arizona State.

Gray, a 6-2, 210-pound junior, played nose-to-nose on Tucson's center most of the night.

"We knew they were a good team," Hendrick's added, "but we just got the jump on them. I guess Tucson didn't expect us to be as tough as we were."

Hendricks, still breathless from being carried across the field by his players, pointed to his blue-shirted Titans, "They were really up for this game. They wanted it real bad."

Tucson High's players left Sun Devil Stadium shell-shocked. After running up 10 straight wins, including an impressive 21-12 win over Phoenix Union in the semifinals, they had been completely outclassed.

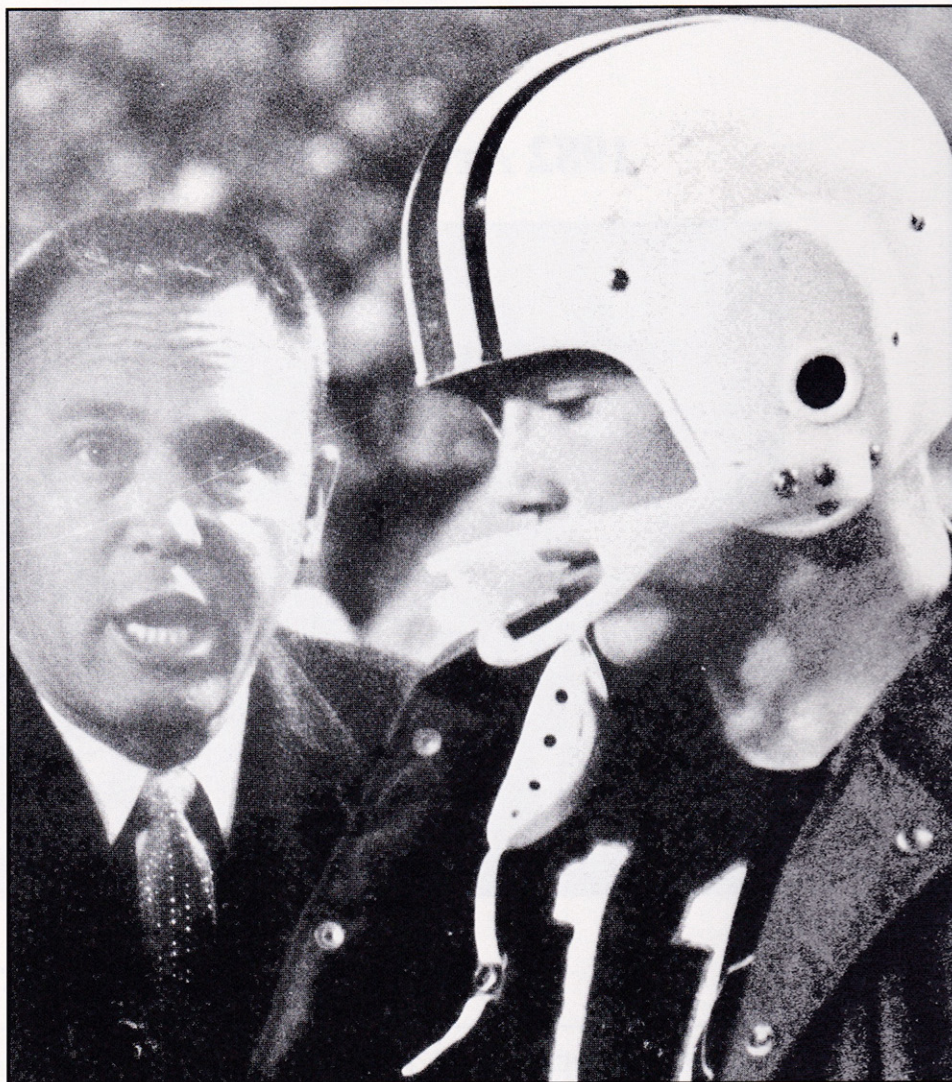
"We weren't ready for this one," Tucson High coach John Mallamo said. "But I can't take anything away from Arcadia."

When asked to try and explain his team's surprising defeat, Mallamo shook his head and murmured, "I just don't know. I just don't know."

Arcadia's brawny line frustrated the usually menacing Badgers, who had looked so impressive earlier against Phoenix Union and their great end-linebacker, Fred Carr. Against Arcadia, Tucson was a 12 point favorite.

But tackles Gray, Bob Bertelsen and Gary Swift - all three first team all-stars - blitzed their way through the Tucson offensive line at will, and forced quarterback Salazar to rush his assignments.

The fired up Titans, playing in their second state championship game in three years, turned two pass interceptions, a fumble, and three sustained drives into a



SUMMIT SESSION ... Face of Arcadia coach Bob Hendricks shows tense moment as he gives quarterback John Propstra tip during 40-7 win over Tucson High before 13,500 fans at Sun Devil Stadium. (Phoenix Gazette photo)

20-0 halftime lead. On defense, they stuffed the Badgers' talented backfield, which included Mike Green, Lennie Don, and Clyde and Jimmy Williams.

Arcadia's bruising rushing combination of Pat McGinty and Everett "Moose" Rollins was unstoppable. Rollins, the state player of the year, scored three touchdowns and booted four extra points. McGinty scored the first two Titan touchdowns on runs of 16 and four yards.

Dana Woudenberg, a 207-pound junior fullback, capped the Arcadia scoring in the final period with a 56 yard sprint. Junior James Nichols ran 71 yards for another score, but it was erased by a clipping penalty.

The Titans stumbled only once in 11

games, dropping their regular season final in Yuma, 12-8, to a fired-up Criminal club led by fullback Curley Culp, and halfback Gordon Vance.

But Arcadia looked like world beaters in the semifinals, a 39-6 rout of Flagstaff and their all-state halfback, James Dugan. Earlier, Flagstaff had beaten Yuma, 38-0.

After the season, the National Sports News Service, located in Minneapolis, ranked Arcadia No. 8 in the country, the highest national ranking by an Arizona school since Phoenix Union in 1954. That Coyote club finished No. 7.

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Arcadia's 1962 all-state backfield, L-R, halfback Pat McGinty, halfback Everett "Moose" Rollins, fullback Dana Woudenberg and quarterback John Propstra.

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40 Years Ago (1952)

Carver's Reign of Terror

Warning: Speed Kills!

It wasn't as though the coaches in the Class B ranks didn't see the sign. They just couldn't do anything about it. Like it or not, Carver High was on their schedule.

The West Central Region had never seen anything like it. Carver, originally called the Phoenix Colored School, was located at 5th Street & Grant, near downtown Phoenix. The Monarchs were coached by Gus Shaw.

In 10 explosive weeks, Carver High ran through, over and around nine Arizona foes, and Palo Verde High from Blythe. It was the California school's only loss.

In August, Shaw knew he had a powerhouse on his hands. Almost every starter from a 9-1 campaign in 1951 was back. That near-perfect club featured quarterback Burris Brooks, fullback Douglas Engram, and halfbacks Lafayette Winrow and Charles Christopher. Their only loss was a thriller, 33-32 to Buckeye and their one-man wrecking crew, halfback Ronnie Rainey, who scored 27 points.

By late November, 1952, Carver's grid-iron machine had turned 10 football games into 10 track meets. They scored 427 points recorded six shutouts, and produced many of the city's all-time best athletes.

More so than any Arizona squad before them, they scored from every spot on the field, by every means possible: fumble recoveries, pass interceptions, blocked kick returns, punt returns and kickoff returns. Every way the rule book allowed.

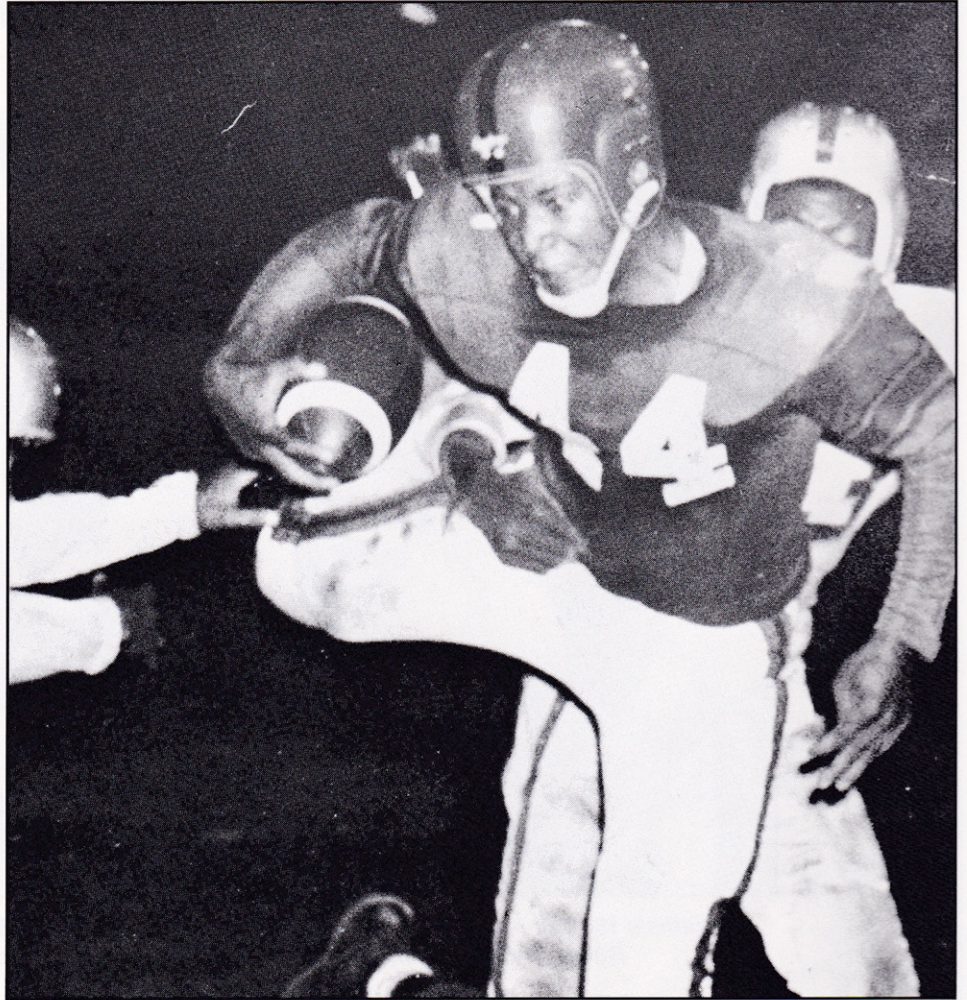
Twice the Monarchs scored over 70 points, including a 78-12 payback with rival Buckeye, when Christopher scored four times and his teammates returned three pass interceptions for touchdowns.

During a 64-0 skunking of Peoria, William Warren averaged 66.3 yards on only three carries, scoring on a 34 yard run, an 82 yard dash, and an 83 yard kickoff return.

Lafayette Winrow later riddled Nogales' secondary for 225 yards in a 33-0 romp, and frosh sensation George Greathouse scored on an 88 yard sprint.

Linemen like Bob Banks and Robert Green (a first-team *Scholastic Coach* All-American at 6-5, 220) were as good as anybody in town - if not better. In an opening day win over Scottsdale, halfback Winrow scored five touchdowns and rushed for 229 yards. He averaged 19.1 yards per carry.

Christopher's 70 yard punt return broke open a close game with Parker, and his touchdown reception from Winrow sealed the win. Against the outclassed Phoenix



In 1952, George Greathouse was only a freshman, scoring seven TDs and rushing for 522 yards. By 1955 (top) he had 63 touchdowns and 4,551 yards to his credit. (Gazette photo)

Indian School, Carver scored 18 touchdowns - but only 12 counted - in a 76-0 shutout. Six touchdowns were called back.

Fred Eppinger's 50 yard pass interception, Banks' 50 yard dash with another theft, and Christopher's 95 yard punt return broke Litchfield High's back, 52-0. (Today, that school is named Agua Fria High.)

Tough Palo Verde High in Blythe fell 19-7, thanks to Al Carr's 50 yard fumble return and Christopher's TD catch. The star for Blythe was Clancy Osborne, later a star end at Arizona State.

Mother nature helped slow the Monarchs down in late November, but Tolleson fell to Shaw's speedy crew, 13-7, on a wet field. Madera White scored both Carver touchdowns and the Monarchs finished unbeaten.

Carver's reign of terror didn't stop in 1952. Shaw's talented crew extended their winning streak to 22 games before Blythe

edged the Monarchs, 20-14 on California soil, in mid-November. One week later Phoenix St. Mary's ended Carver's season at 7-2 with a 13-12 loss.

Only an act of Congress slowed Carver's sports machine. The Monarchs, state powers in *every* sport, closed thier doors in May, 1954, and all students transferred to nearby Phoenix Union.

Athletes like George Greathouse and Al Carr formed the nucleus of Union's back-to-back state championship teams in 1954-55, with the '54 club rated one of the nation's best - thanks to a 33-14 win over highly touted Bakersfield, Calif., and a classic 13-7 win over Mesa.

During the 1963-64 school year, Phoenix Union had 6,320 students on its historic campus. By June of 1982, that school closed, too.

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Hawaiian Schoolboy Football

"The Best Kept Secret In the U.S.A."

After dismantling Waianae 36-6 in Hawaii's famed Prep Bowl - for St. Louis' sixth straight crown - the ILH closed out another historic season in a state which leads the nation in attendance at its high school football playoffs.

By Barry Sollenberger

There probably aren't 10 high school seniors in North America who could name two high schools in Hawaii - much less pronounce them.

Well, maybe most teenagers (at least in Missouri) won't have any problem with St. Louis High, one of Honolulu's oldest and most historic schools.

Ironically, St. Louis (the school) just happens to have one of the best high school football programs in the nation. (Remember, Hawaii has been in the nation since 1959) It's just that nobody outside the Islands - excluding college football recruiters - has ever heard of the school, or probably any high school on the Islands.

But if you happen to travel with your high school football team to the Islands, and play one of Hawaii's better football schools, you'll remember. You might leave for home and still not be able to pronounce the "name of the truck" that ran over you, but you'll have more respect for what has to be the best kept secret in American high school sports - Hawaiian high school football.

"I was in California 10 years, and I would say Hawaiian football is almost as quick and just as physical."

In the past 19 years of Hawaii's famed Prep Bowl, the winning trophy has been carted off by the likes of St. Louis, Kamehameha, Leilehua, Waianae, Kaiser, Punahou or Iolani; coached by Calvin Lee, Don Botelho, Hugh Yoshida, John Velasco, Ron Lee, Larry Ginoza or Calvin Chai.

In 1988, Punahou coach Dan Morrison, a former assistant at Santa Monica High, called Hawaii high school football "a well-kept secret. I was in California 10 years

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and I would say Hawaiian football is almost as quick and just as physical."

Last September, in the annual Shawn Akina Prep Classic at Aloha Stadium, St. Louis showed little aloha spirit in blitzing Bakersfield of California, 30-13. Before the trip, the Drillers had won 39 games in a row and were ranked No. 7 in the country by the *USA TODAY*.

"They're as good a football team as any high school team I've ever seen," said Andy Bark, publisher of *Cal-High Sports* magazine, following the Crusaders' dismantling of one of California's best football programs.

And this St. Louis club didn't go unbeaten at home. One month later, Coach Calvin Lee's Crusaders dropped a 28-21 thriller to Honolulu Punahou, the state's No. 5-rated club.

Punahou?

Now there's a name to remember. Excluding football, Punahou High rules Hawaii. No single trophy case will do for the Puns, which have dominated the state championships in virtually every sport. Recently, Punahou added six more big, wood-carved trophies to their national record plunder of over 200 titles. No high school in America has won more state championships in team sports than Honolulu Punahou.

(When Punahou School was established in 1841, for the children of the missionaries, it was intended to recreate a New England atmosphere in the tropics. The high school played its first football game in 1891. It is the most prestigious prep school on the Islands.)

But when the state football playoffs rolled around, once-beaten St. Louis was still in the hunt. In early November, the

Crusaders got a payback, beating Punahou 45-20. Four weeks later St. Louis (12-1) crushed Waianae 36-6, before 21,169 paid fans for the school's sixth consecutive Prep Bowl title.

During eight of the past 10 years, the attendance at the Prep Bowl has been the largest in the nation for high school championship games, outdrawing crowds in prestigious football states like Texas and Florida.

And every bit as impressive is Hawaii's success on the field against high school teams from the Mainland - the West Coast and the Rocky Mountain region - and an incredible number of players who have become college and NFL stars.

During the Decade of the '70s, few colleges did a better job of recruiting Hawaii's top players than Arizona State, coached by Frank Kush. During one 10-year span, the Sun Devils landed four state players of the year, and started a pipeline to Tempe which included players like Junior Ah You, Al Harris, David Fonoti, Clifton Alapa, Rocky Mataalii, the Apuna brothers Ben and Wayne, and current Phoenix Cardinal center Kani Kauahi, to name a few.

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The man Kush sent to scout the Islands was long-time assistant Bill Kajikawa. "Junior Ah You was first, as I recall," says Kajikawa from his Tempe home. "His success forced us to recruit the Islands, and Coach Kush assigned that territory to me.

"They were a very good group. Some stayed. Some didn't. Remember, they were a long way from home. Our goal was to get one a year who could play. It worked



In the 1975 Prep Bowl, as more than 30,000 fans watch, two jubilant Kamehameha players lift Calvin Chai onto their shoulders following 20-14 win over Waianae's Seariders.

The Crowds

Attendance	Results & Scores	Year
32,812	Waianae 14, Honolulu Kamehameha 6	1978
31,484	Honolulu Iolani 7, Waianae 7 (TIE)	1980
30,793	Waianae 27, Honolulu Punahou 0	1977
30,201	Honolulu Kamehameha 20, Waianae 14	1975
29,486	Waianae 7, Kailua 0	1975
29,362	Honolulu St. Louis 38, Honolulu Farrington 3	1990
28,413	Honolulu Kaiser 27, Honolulu Kamehameha 7	1979
28,260	Honolulu Punahou 22, Honolulu St. Louis 20	1953
28,000	Honolulu St. Louis 40, Honolulu Punahou 7	1945
28,000	Honolulu Kamehameha 20, Honolulu St. Louis 0	1945
27,665	Honolulu St. Louis 15, Waianae Nanakuli 12	1983
27,499	Wahiawa Leihua 10, Honolulu St. Louis 0	1984
26,066	Honolulu Kamehameha 46, Honolulu Radford 6	1976
26,000	Honolulu Kamehameha 6, Honolulu Roosevelt 0	1951
26,000	Honolulu Punahou 22, Honolulu Kamehameha 14	1952
25,998	Honolulu Punahou 37, Honolulu St. Louis 14	1953
25,284	Honolulu Farrington 25, Honolulu Kamehameha 13	1960
25,072	Honolulu Kamehameha 32, Honolulu Roosevelt 0	1962
25,038	Honolulu Punahou 20, Honolulu Kamehameha 6	1964
25,000	Honolulu St. Louis 18, Honolulu Roosevelt 8	1943
25,000	Honolulu Iolani 26, Honolulu Punahou 7	1954
24,171	Honolulu Farrington 16, Honolulu Kamehameha 6	1965

out really well. The high school coaches over there admired Frank Kush. Because he was a tough coach. It's too bad we (ASU) didn't continue. We didn't follow it up. All the coaching changes disrupted the recruiting."

"The kids who played here (ASU) were not only good players, but good people," claims Kush, the most successful coach in the school's history. "I have great admiration for their families. The players were not only loyal to the sport, the school, but to people in general. They were very dedicated."

Before World War II, most Americans couldn't find Hawaii on a map. But that all changed Sunday, December 7, 1941, when Japan bombed the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor.

Pearl, the headquarters of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, was (and still is) the largest naval base in the United States, and with all the Pacific Ocean under its purview, it is the largest naval command in the world.

There are 1,102 crewmen still entombed in the battleship U.S.S. Arizona, which took a direct hit that December morning next to Ford Island. The memorial is one of the most frequently visited places in Hawaii.

For sporting events, the place to be is Honolulu's Aloha Bowl, home of the University of Hawaii Rainbows, the annual Hula Bowl, the NFL Pro Bowl, the state's famed Prep Bowl, and the pre-season Shawn Akina Memorial Classic.

But quality football - high school or college - is nothing new to the Islands. Long before World War II, football was the most

popular sport in Hawaii.

Almost one year to the date after the attack on Pearl Harbor, St. Louis High, with star halfback Herman Wedemeyer leading the charge, beat Honolulu McKinley, 19-2 before 24,000 fans at old Honolulu Stadium. Then, on Christmas Day, the Crusaders, coached by Johnny McColgan, blitzed Farrington 47-0 before 20,000 warm bodies, for the ILH (Interscholastic League of Honolulu) crown. Farrington had beaten St. Louis earlier, 26-12, but was annihilated in the rematch.

The ILH, one of the state's two historic high school leagues (the other is the OIA), dates back to 1909 and is one of the oldest prep leagues in the nation. That first crown was won by Kamehameha, located high on Kapalama Heights, overlooking Honolulu. Founded in 1887, exclusively for boys and girls of Hawaiian and part-time Hawaiian blood, over 2,000 students attend the Kamehameha Schools. The schools are financed from the estate of the Hawaiian princess, the last member of the Kamehameha dynasty.

As far back as 1923, Kam freshman Lemon "Rusty" Hot became one of the greatest triple threat backs in Hawaiian football history. He scored 10 touchdowns during a 104-0 rout of Honolulu Military Academy. As good as Kamehameha was, HMA was bad. They fell to Honolulu McKinley 75-0, Punahou 88-0 and St. Louis 43-0, to end a short-lived stay in the ILH with a 21-game losing streak.

On Dec. 9, 1934, McKinley High hosted and beat Ricks Junior College from Idaho, 24-6. Games with schools from California,

Oregon, Washington, Nevada or Idaho have been played for years.

By 1940, Hawaii had two scholastic leagues, with the birth of the Oahu Interscholastic Association (originally called the ROSSL, or Rural Oahu Secondary Schools League). Coach Randolph McMurty's Leilehua Mules were the league's first official champs. (Three of the 29 players on that championship team died in World War II combat.) But by far, the strength of Hawaiian prep football was in the ILH. In fact, Leilehua played in the ILH from 1936-38, but won only one game, 7-0 over Punahou in its second season.

Leilehua and four other schools formed the ROSSL, and played their football games on weekends at community parks and school fields, with no fences or lights. Meanwhile, the ILH was being showcased at Honolulu Stadium - before record crowds - on Friday and Saturday nights.

On Thanksgiving Day, 1943, over 25,000 watched St. Louis upset Roosevelt's Roughriders, 18-8, as coaches Neal and Jimmy Blaisdell faced each other in a brother vs brother matchup.

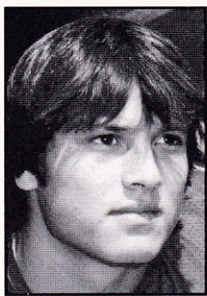
The popularity of Hawaiian prep football was no better showcased then 1945, when 28,000 watched St. Louis rout Punahou, 40-7, for the Crusaders' sixth league crown since 1925. As if the city needed more football, Kamehameha challenged St. Louis to an exhibition game on Dec. 1, and stunned the ILH champs, 20-0, before another throng of 28,000. The Kams stuffed halfback Abe Dung, the highest scorer in the league's history.

Years later, between 1974-76, Kamehameha won three Prep Bowls in a row, with the 1975 game played before 30,201 fans. All three of those champion

"Although many of our players don't get national recognition ... I am sure our best youngsters can compete."

Kam teams were coached by Calvin Chai, who was 130-27-3 after the '76 season. "We had no official state champion for many years because of geographical and economic problems," said Chai in 1977. "We have five major islands and it caused problems for a while. But we play in the Interscholastic League of Honolulu, and it was considered the premier league up until around 1972. Although many of our players don't get national recognition, since we are isolated away from the major action, I am sure our best youngsters can compete."

By 1951, Waipahu's Marauders won the



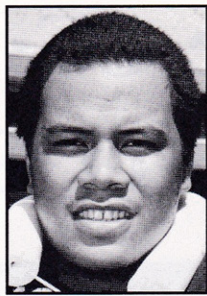
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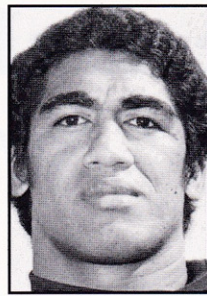
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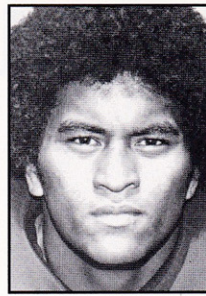
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Rural Oahu Interscholastic League for the fourth straight year, going 8-0 in league play. Over in the ILH, Farrington's John Velasco ran himself into the national record book with three kickoff returns for touchdowns against St. Louis. In the league finals, Kam's Warriors beat Roosevelt's 'Riders, 6-0 in front of 26,000 fans on Turkey Day.

But the OIA took a major step forward when it began playing night games. Still, record crowds swarm to ILH games, and 1953 was historic. On Nov. 14, exactly 28,260 watched Punahou beat St. Louis in a regular season matchup. It was the largest crowd in Honolulu history, outdrawing the '46 Hawaii U.- St. Mary's College game. In the ILH finals, the Puns won a rematch with St. Louis, 37-14, before 25,998 in a game marred by 229 yards in penalties and three ejections for fighting.

Before the Prep Bowl was played in 1973, the annual Shrine Aloha Bowl contest between the Honolulu League champion and the Rural Oahu League winner was staged to benefit the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children. In 1956, Roosevelt won the Classic's 26th annual game, finishing 12-0, one of the best seasons ever by an Hawaiian school.

Larry Ginoza came to Waianae High in May of 1957. The man who would become the most respected and successful coach in the OIA - with nine championships in three decades - recently told Rod Ohira of the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, "When I arrived in Waianae, there wasn't even a traffic light in town. The biggest difference between the ILH and OIA used to be the caliber of coaching. But we coaches in the 1960s started the trend of going to clinics on the Mainland, and became better informed coaches because of it."

"It used to be that by going to clinics and picking up on the game, you could beat someone because of coaching," said Alex Kane of Kailua. "But now it's hard to do that because everybody's up on things."

"We were all neophyte coaches who wanted to learn about the game," said Ed Kiyuna, later the executive secretary of the Hawaii High School Athletic Association. "I

think going to clinics on a regular basis helped all of us," adds the former coach who attended clinics as far away as New Jersey.

The 1964 ILH finals deserves mention. Punahou beat Kamehameha 20-6, before a sellout crowd of 25,038, ending a brilliant three-year career for winning quarterback Charley Wedemeyer. The game was televised live throughout Hawaii. Before kickoff, a minute of silence was given for Police Lieutenant Ben Elencki, a one-time Kam football star who was killed in the line of duty that week.

The 1970 ILH campaign ended on a bizarre note. St. Louis and Punahou finished as co-champs, and Punahou won a coin flip to face Tacoma Wilson in a post season game on Turkey Day. In a sea of mud, the Washington school stuffed the Puns, 38-6. Punahou fared no better in 1971. Coach Dave Eldredge's crew dropped another Turkey Day clash, this time to Idaho powerhouse Boise Borah, 27-12. The Puns only other setback was to Oregon state champ, South Salem, 13-8, in Oregon.

In 1972, the OIA finals between Kahuku and Leilehua was a real thriller. A crowd of 17,868 saw the most incredible comeback victory in OIA championship game history, as Kahuku pulled out a 35-29 victory over the Mules. With fans filing out of the stadium, the Red Raiders went 95 yards on two plays with less than a minute on the clock. This game was picked as the National High School Game of the Year, selected by the National Sports News Service in Minneapolis.

But Leilehua, led by defensive standouts Al Harris and Mike Smithe, finally nailed down the OIA crown in 1974, with a 13-6 win over Farrington. The Mules, however, came up short in the Prep Bowl, losing to Kamehameha, 20-19, in the final high school football game at the old stadium on King Street.

(Aloha Stadium opened in the fall of 1975, and the largest crowd to watch a sporting event in Hawaii - 32,247 - saw Hawaii's Rainbows lose to Texas A & I.)

By the late '70s, Samoan athletes were becoming a dominating factor in Hawaiian

football, particularly on defense. Farrington High in 1979, for example, was headed by a 6-3, 210-pound defensive end named Falaniko Noga.

By 1975, the Prep Bowl had become so popular, that Gov. George Ariyoshi congratulated Kamehameha's winning Warriors in the locker room after the game. It was Prep Bowl III and the crowd was 30,201. One week earlier, 29,486 watched Waianae's Seairiders beat Kasilua in the OIA finals for the right to face Kam.

Radford High's head coach John Velasco, the former player who returned three kicks for TDs against St. Louis, died of a heart attack during the 1981 playoffs. Without a head coach, the Rams won the Prep Bowl, 14-2 over St. Louis, to finish 13-0. Playing before 22,235 spectators, the Rams stopped St. Louis seven (7!) times inside its own 20-yard line.

Since 1987, the Shawn Akina Classic provides Honolulu fans with an event to kickoff the upcoming high school football season, matching local schools against teams from the Mainland. Schools from California, Arkansas and New Mexico have faced Hawaii's best, with proceeds benefiting local youth organizations, the OIA and the Shawn Akina Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Akina was a Punahou High graduate who passed for 2,162 yards in 1984, and 5,025 yards during his career. He died of a heart attack at age 19, during his freshman year at the University of Utah.

Arizona, for the first time, is sending two teams to the Classic. During the Aug. 29 triple-header, St. Louis will play Mesa Mountain View, one of the Cactus State's stronger 5A programs. On Sept. 4, Tucson Sabino faces Waianae, the Prep Bowl's runner-up team last year. Sabino is one of the state's top-rated 4A schools.

"The Classic has grown from a one day event to a three day affair," says Skip Akina, the games' director. "But most important is the fact, that those youngsters participating will come away with a positive experience, one that will last a lifetime."

Glendale CC: This Dynasty Won't Go Away

By Bart Conley

Take one look at *Phoenix Metro Football's* preseason Dandy Dozen chart (see box), and it's easy to see why most coaches pick Glendale to defend its turf in the state JC wars.

The Gauchos, coached by Joe Kersting, just won't go away. In fact, they get better and better. Winning breeds winning, and GCC has built one of the nation's powerhouses.

Former assistant David Rice, now the head coach at Mesa, voices this evaluation of the GCC program: "There are good high school programs all over the state. But what Glendale has done speaks for itself. They have built their foundation recruiting kids from Class 4A high schools on the westside, with a mixture of Tucson kids. I honestly believe we (they) wouldn't have won it last year without the Tucson kids."

"There is a ton of talent in the smaller schools," concludes Rice. "Not just the 5A schools. Heck, the best back they had was from a 2A school. In fact, I've been told that more kids from the 4A, 3A and 2A schools signed Division I scholarships last year than kids from 5A."

Rice and his cohorts are coaching in the middle of the second largest community college district in the land, and the fastest growing. By the end of the decade, the enrollment of Mesa CC alone is projected to grow from 21,000 students to 27,000. All four of the Valley's football playing JCs compete in the Western States Football League, which includes clubs from Utah and Idaho.

And to make it a more wide open league, the WSFL's nine athletic directors voted to admit **New Mexico Military Institute** for the 1992 season. Located in Roswell, NMMI is now the eastern most school in the league. Before, that honor belonged to **Eastern Arizona College** in Thatcher.

Last fall, **Glendale** finished the regular season 8-1 and ranked No. 5 in the final NJCAA poll. They finished 8-2 after falling to unbeaten Nassau, N.Y. (11-0) in the 11th annual Valley of the Sun Bowl on



Scottsdale's opposing coaches are glad to see Brian Drew in the secondary, as a cornerback. Why? Three years ago at Tempe McClintock (above), Drew rushed for 1,668 yards and scored a state record 38 touchdowns for the 5A state champions. (Arizona Republic photo)

Thanksgiving Day. Nassau was No. 4.

This year, the defending WSFL champs return 32 players from that outfit, including several of the league's best players. "Depending on the players' commitment over the summer, and questions on eligibility, this could be an outstanding team," warns Kersting.

For sure, the Gauchos have the state's best pass-and-catch combo, with QB Anthony Carr pitching to Donald Watkins. Two years ago at Phoenix Central, they were the best passing duo in the state, playing on a team which didn't win a game.

But defense wins championships, and GCC is set with the likes of OLB Dan Davey, ILB Brian Easter, DL Zack Smith and ILB Preston Walker still in the lineup. The Gauchos have good size in the line,

with the likes of OT Greg Stinnett (6-3, 280), DL Mark Landa (6-2, 270), DL Mark Secrest (6-5, 280) and OG Marc Taylor (5-11, 230), to name a few. Speedy skill players like RB Kirk Sparks (5-11, 195) and receivers Robert Jackson (5-10, 175) and Eric Atkins (5-8, 160), former teammates at South Mountain, add to the GCC arsenal.

At **Mesa**, Rice takes over a club which finished 7-2 and No. 8 in the polls. The former NAU assistant doesn't have the depth and talent as Glendale, but his Thunderbirds have their share. In fact, Mesa just might have the best junior college secondary on the planet.

With Kareem Crossell, DeJuan Pratt and prize Corona del Sol recruit Phil Atkerson roaming the secondary, throwing against the T'birds could be suicide. Crossell, from Aberdeen, Md., is considered the No. 1 JC

deep back in the country. Pratt, a highly touted high school player from Pittsburgh, might be the biggest SS in the league at 6-4, 225 pounds. He once intercepted six passes in a single high school game (honest)! Another prize frosh recruit is Sam Salts, the former state player of the year from Phoenix St. Mary's 1991 state 5A champs. He could end up in the secondary, too.

Add to this list players like RB Stanley Green (5-8, 185), LB Mike O'Rielly (6-0, 220) and DE Tom Hurst, the former Gilbert High star, and Mesa might give Glendale a run for it.

Over at **Phoenix College**, head coach John Avianantos faces a youth movement, with only one offensive starter and two defenders back from a 3-6 squad. The Bears do have one of the league's best linebackers in Steve Parker, a former Mesa all-stater, but the rest of the lineup looks green.

Sophomore Sterling Edens (6-3, 190) starts at QB, with SS Raymond Williams (6-0, 205), DT Glen Forbes (6-1, 250) and DE Eric Winkleman (6-5, 255) set at their positions.

Transfers from other schools make up much of the Bears' lineup, including RB

1992 JC BLUE -CHIPPERS DANDY DOZEN

Pos.	Player	Size	School
QB.....	Anthony Carr	6-3, 195	Glendale
WR.....	Donald Watkins	6-2, 190	Glendale
OL	Bruce Barro.....	6-0, 260	Mesa
DL.....	Zack Smith	6-4, 260	Glendale
DE	Tom Hurst	6-0, 215	Mesa
LB.....	Brian Easter.....	6-2, 235	Glendale
LB.....	Steve Parker.....	6-1, 227	Phoenix
LB.....	Dan Davey	6-2, 225	Glendale
LB.....	Preston Walker.....	6-1, 230	Glendale
DB.....	Kareem Croxsell	5-11, 180	Mesa
SS.....	DeJuan Pratt.....	6-4, 225	Mesa
CB	Brian Drew	5-9, 193	Scottsdale

Jeremy Hathcock (5-11, 207), a former Northern Arizona schoolboy Player of the Year from Blue Ridge; CB Keith Walls (5-10, 181), FS Chris Colter (6-0, 190), TB Aaron Fisher (5-11, 192), and two wide bodies from Arizona State - tackles Eric Ipock (6-3, 365) and Mark Smith (6-5, 295).

Over at **Scottsdale**, head coach Shane Bates hopes the '92 campaign won't have a sequel. Last fall the Artichokes started 3-0, then dropped six in a row.

Cornerback Brian Drew, the '89 5A player of the year as an RB, returns. The former McClintock star joins RB Deltamus Reckley (6-0, 193), TE Chris Pietrangeli (6-4, 220), LB Greg Iseman (6-3, 225), OG Lyndon Senior (6-1, 250), and FS Aaron McDuffie (5-10, 182), a transfer from Louisville, for one more campaign. The staff is also high on prize recruit Seth Cole, a 6-2, 245-pound DT from Deer Valley.



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Cardinals: Let's Get It Done!

By David Kukulski

What we need here is a recovery!

Oh sure, it'll be great if the economy bounced back.

But I'm talking about the really important stuff – a winning season for the Phoenix Cardinals.

The first order of business for Coach Joe Bugel and his men is to break an eight-game losing streak left over from last season's dreadful 4-12 campaign. Maybe the Cards can accomplish that in the opener against Tampa Bay on September 6th.

On a positive note, quarterback Timm Rosenbach appears to be nearly recovered from his knee injury that sidelined him for the entire 1991 season. If Rosie can return and post the kind of numbers he had in 1990 (3,098 yards passing, 470 yards rushing), the Cardinals will look like a new team.

If Rosenbach's knee doesn't hold up, Bugel has five-year NFL veteran Chris Chandler, who joined the Cards last year, to run the offense. Of course, Tony Sacca, a second-round selection in the '92 draft, comes to Phoenix from Penn State and could be a factor soon, although probably not this year.

The running back corps is still solid, but the running game last year was weak. In fact, the Cardinals gained just 1,295 yards on the ground while giving up 2,136. They must improve on both numbers.

Johnny Johnson, now in his third year with the Cards, is the top ball carrier. He led Phoenix with 666 rushing yards in '91, after finishing with 926 yards and All-Pro recognition as a rookie in '90. Last season Johnson reported late because of a contract dispute and then suffered some nagging injuries that kept him at less than 100% for most of the year. If the line can give him a little more running room, Johnson is certainly capable of putting together a big year.

Anthony Thompson chipped in a respectable 376 yards rushing last fall as he continued to run hard. He's also an important performer in Bugel's scheme to rush the football, though Thompson is mainly an inside runner.

The trio of Ernie Jones, Ricky Proehl and Randal Hill combined for nearly 160 receptions and over 2,200 yards last year, certainly impressive numbers. Unfortunately, those numbers resulted in just seven scores.

In other words, the passing game was fairly effective at times, particularly between the 20's. But the whole Cardinal offense needs to become more efficient in putting the ball in the end zone; they tal-



Anthony Thompson is looking for more running yards in 1992.

lied 20 or more points in only three contests last time out.

This threesome of Jones, Proehl and Hill is undoubtedly one of the strengths of the team. They're young and talented. And Hill is one of the fastest players in the league.

At tight end and/or H-Back, Plan B signee Butch Rolle, over from Buffalo, should get the starting nod, with holdovers Walter Reeves and Tim Jorden also seeing playing time. Rolle should really help, especially with his receiving skills. Reeves is primarily a big-time blocker, while Jorden does a little bit of everything, including special teams work.

This year's offensive front will definitely get its share of attention, since many of the troubles of '91 were attributed to last year's group. There have been significant changes.

Tootie Robbins is gone, while Mark May (most recently of San Diego) and Danny Villa (a former ASU star who was with New England) are now in Phoenix. Bill Lewis is still the starting center, with Luis Sharpe and Lance Smith also in the fold. Others looking for playing time are veterans Vernice Smith, Willie Williams, Joe Wolf and Kani Kauahi. Possibly rookies Ed Cunningham (Washington), Jeff Christy (Pittsburgh) and Brian Brauninger (Oklahoma) can help.

Defensively, Phoenix really improved in '91 and that's encouraging. Led by a good bunch of young defenders like Tim McDonald, Michael Zordich, Aeneas Williams, Lorenzo Lynch, Robert Massey, Eric Hill, Ken Harvey, Freddie Joe Nunn, Jim Wahler and Eric Swann.

McDonald suffered a couple of leg

injuries late in the season that kept him from another 100-tackle campaign – barely. He had 96 stops, 11 passes defended and five interceptions in 13 contests – another All-Pro performance. Meanwhile, Zordich manned the other safety position and contributed an impressive 87 tackles.

Williams was super in '91, earning Defensive Rookie-of-the-Year honors with six interceptions to go with his 48 tackles. His six thefts tied him for the NFC lead, the first time that's happened to a rookie since 1981.

Lynch and Massey continue to battle for the corner spot opposite Williams; both are fine players with bright futures.

Hill, Harvey and Nunn are solid linebackers – or better.

Hill led the club in '91 with 107 tackles, including 62 solos.

Harvey, a 6-3, 230-pounder now in his fifth year with the Cardinals, is a rising star. He had 80 takedowns and was tops on the club with 17 quarterback hurries and nine sacks.

Nunn made to move back to linebacker in '91 after several years at defensive end for Phoenix. He did well (72 tackles, 15 quarterback hurries, 6.5 sacks).

Wahler has beefed up to 275 pounds, but he's still a bit undersized at the nose guard slot. That didn't stop him from leveling 72 ball carriers last year, including five behind the line of scrimmage. He's a vital part of the Cardinal defense.

And Swann battled some troubling knee injuries before coming on to start the last four games. He demonstrated tremendous tools, although he's not polished. But his 22 tackles, five quarterback hurries and four sacks in very limited duty show he could be something special.

If Phoenix is to make additional improvement on defense, watch for linebacker s Tyrone Stowe, Sidney Coleman and down linemen Mike Jones, Craig Patterson and Jeff Faulkner to make a difference. Fourth-round pick Michael Bankston, a nose guard from Sam Houston State, could also make the club.

Greg Davis is the placekicker and Rich Camarillo is the punter. Both are among the best in the league.

Returning kicks will be the likes of Hill, Johnny Bailey, Larry Centers and John Jackson – another capable bunch.

The Cardinals have some question-marks, no doubt. Not many of the so-called experts expect them to be much better than they were a year ago. They haven't produced a winner in their four years in Phoenix.

But they're going to break through one of these years. Let's see about 1992.

Arena Football - it's FANG-Tastic

By Mark Emmons/Mesa Tribune

It was all quiet on the America West Arena front as the Arizona Rattlers and Sacramento Attack were warming up on the turf Saturday night, June 13, 1992.

People had filled the building because they were promised that they would see something unusual, something different in the first sporting event held at the new Arena.

Some probably came to watch a game. But more were here to see a good show.

At this point, however, the sum total of Arenaball excitement and pageantry was a miniature blimp that passed perilously close to spectators, making you wonder if Rattlers management had ever heard the name, "Hindenburg."

Then the lights went off.

The eerie sounds of the organ piece from Phantom of the Opera filled the arena. A light show commenced. Smoke began to fill the air. Fireworks and sparkles erupted. A cannon fired.

Finally, out of the haze appeared ...

Fang.

Yes, Fang.

He's the Rattlers' mascot. Only he's not your typical mascot. He isn't a guy wearing some fuzzy suit, like the Suns' Gorilla. He's not a snake handler. He's not even a snake.

Fang is, well, a biker. He looked like he had just rolled in from a Hell's Angels convention as he straddled a \$13,000, customized Harley that made more noise than Metallica, the heavy metal group that did severe ear-drum damage at the Arena earlier in the week. He had long hair, a diamond stud in his ear, chains, a don't-mess-with-me scowl and a black leather vest that said, strangely enough, "Fang."

Just what he had to do with Arenaball was unclear, although he apparently fits the image that the Rattlers are trying to cultivate - men in black with bad attitudes.

So, are you Fang just for the night?

He took off his dark sunglasses and glared at his inquisitor for effect. "I'm Fang all the time," he said, adding that he wished to keep his true identity to himself.

Anyway, Fang and his boss Harley led "Your Arizona Rattlers" out on the field, as the announcer introduced them one at a time as hard rock music now blared from the sound system.

When the lights came back on, the Gorilla made his obligatory appearance by bungee jumping from the rafters to deliver the game ball to Cedric Ceballos, the token Phoenix Sun, who promptly dropped the



Standout wide receiver Roy Hurd is a former prep star at Phoenix South Mountain.

ball for the game's first fumble.

The opening act had all the elements you'd find in a Las Vegas floor show, except for Wayne Newton.

But it did have Cotton Fitzsimmons. Evidently Cotton felt like he hadn't been in the news enough lately, because there he was at midfield conducting the coin flip.

"This is what a senior executive vice president does," Cotton joked about his new job title with the Suns, the Rattlers' big brother.

"Bryan Colangelo (the Rattlers director of operations) asked me first, 'How about riding out on a horse?' I said, 'Senior executive vice presidents don't come out on horses, but they will flip coins. Wait until you're in trouble for that.'"

And they had a full-house crowd of 15,505 on hand, which is amazing if you think about it. I mean, who really cares about Arenaball? Then again, somebody must. You gotta think that this was more than the (Phoenix) Cardinals would draw here.

But if Monster Trucks can pack'em in, then why not this pseudo-sport?

There were even scalpers a few blocks away before the game waving signs that pleaded, "I need tickets!" Obviously there was a curiosity factor at work for the Rattlers' first home game. People came just to find out what this team, the sport and the arena were all about.

Oh, yes, the game. The Rattlers struggled early, falling behind 22-3. The boos cascaded down from the upper decks. But as the Rattlers rebounded, all was forgiven and the fans quickly jumped back on the bandwagon.

Describing Arenaball is difficult. It's sort of a mishmash of American Gladiators, Professional Wrestling, Roller Derby and Rollerball. Whatever it is, it's not football. Music favored by teenage boys thunders throughout the action. It's only rock 'n' roll, but the fans liked it. And the close-quarters action is appealing.

If you accept Arenaball for what it is, and you don't take it too seriously, it's not bad.

"This," said Ron Wolfley, former Cardinals linebacker and current Rattlers' color analyst, "is the sports to play ... if they paid. But for \$400 (a game), man, I need more medical coverage than that."

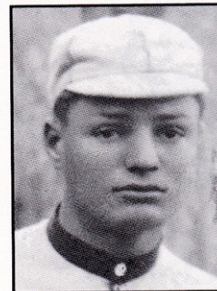
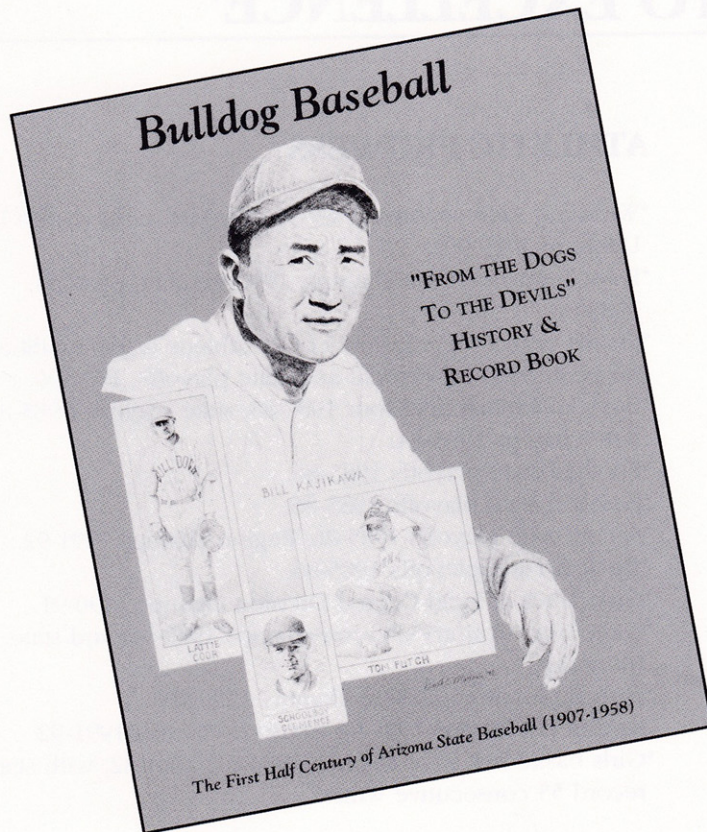
The Rattlers earned their money. When it was over, they had won 51-36, notching their first-ever victory.

All in all, the evening made for great theater. Fang, who spent some of the game signing autographs, celebrated by taking some victory laps around the field on the Harley with a cheerleader hanging on to his waist for dear life. So much for wholesome family entertainment. Fang, a mascot for the '90s.

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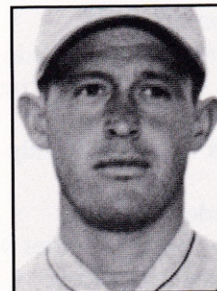
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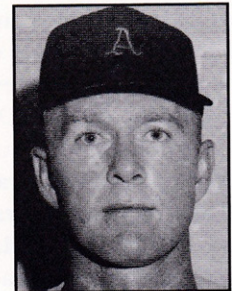
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1. Which one of the following standout football players did not play football at Phoenix Maryvale?

- a) Darren Woodson (LB)
- b) Phillippi Sparks (DB)
- c) Darin Tupper (FB/LB)
- d) Kevin Galbreath (RB)

2. Name the former Chaparral High star in the photo at right, an NAU grad who later played with the K.C. Chiefs:

- a) Joey Lumpkin
- b) Kurt Whiteman
- c) Phil Cancik
- d) Bob Jenkins

3. One of Arizona's newest high schools, Mountain Pointe, is located in what community?

- a) Gilbert
- b) Chandler
- c) Ahwatukee
- d) Sun Lakes

4. When Mountain View flies 2,946 miles to Honolulu in August, it will be the farthest an Arizona high school has traveled since who went 1,255 miles to Port Arthur, Tx. in 1938?

- a) Phoenix Union
- b) Tucson High
- c) Mesa High
- d) Glendale High



This former Scottsdale all-city linebacker played with the Kansas City Chiefs.

5. The following athletes made up the backfield for what great Arizona high school team in 1951:

Charles Christopher
Lafayette Winrow
Burris Brooks
Douglas Engram

6. Each of the following Arizona high schools is closed today except one:

- a) Jerome
- b) Phoenix Carver
- c) Phoenix North
- d) Phoenix Union
- e) Phoenix West

7. As soon as this local coach wins 10 more games - with 228 wins - he will become the winningest high school football mentor in Arizona history:

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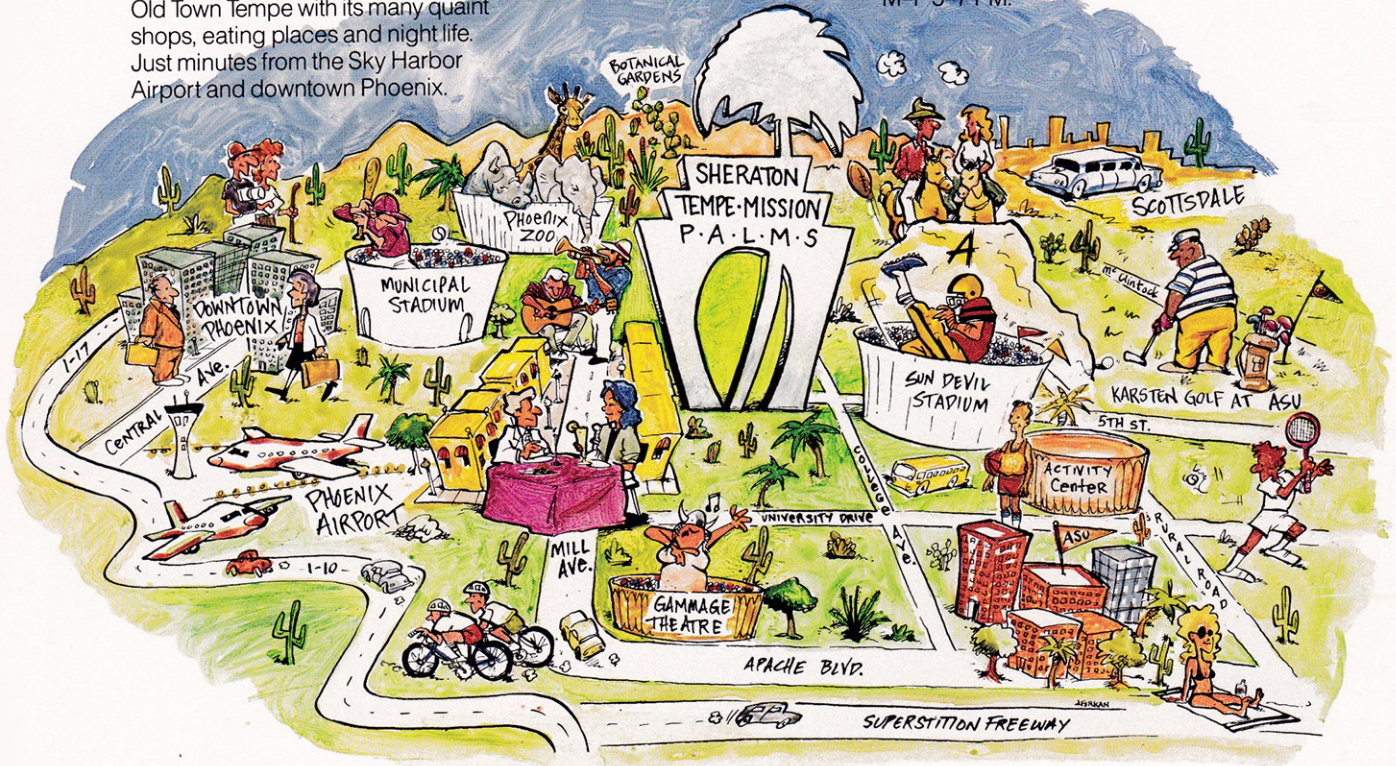
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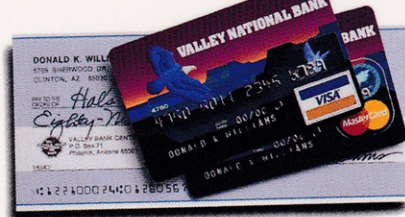
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